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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Voice for grassroots organizing is MLK speaker at Manchester

Tayna Fogle will tell her story and share lessons in the Power of Voice: Darkest Past Now Greatest Asset at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. It is free and open to the public.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for Feb. 5

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity for 2 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5 at the Urbana Yoke Parish Community Center, 16 E. Half St., Urbana.

Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for Feb. 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity for noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester.

Sam Piercy to perform Thursday

Come and listen to a variety of classical piano music, performed by Sam Piercy. The event starts at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St.

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Building fire on Dimension Avenue

WFD: Damage estimated at \$75K; cause under investigation

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Firefighters responded to a report of a building on fire

at around 1:28 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31 in the 100 block of Dimension Avenue, according to Barry Stroup, Wabash Fire Department (WFD) chief.

"While responding, crews were advised by Wabash Police Department (WPD) units on the scene that flames were showing," he stated.

The fire was extinguished as of around 2:40 p.m. Damage was estimated at around \$75,000. All crews were back in-service at around 5:31 p.m.

"The WFD is investigating the cause and origin of the fire which appears to have started in an undetermined location," stated Stroup.

In a phone interview on Monday, Stroup said the cause of the fire is under investigation and he had no timeline yet for completion. "You never know," he said. "This building was too hot to get into."

Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



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The Strauss family; Michael Kinder & Sons, the design and builder; Design Collaborative, the architect; and others gathered the afternoon of Monday, Jan. 20 to celebrate the beginning of construction at a "beloved and historic building" on Main Street in North Manchester

A new life for a historic Main Street structure in North Manchester

Strauss family businesses occupied the site for over a century

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Strauss family; Michael Kinder & Sons, the design and builder; Design Collaborative, the architect; and others gathered the afternoon of Monday, Jan. 20 to celebrate the beginning of construction at a "beloved and historic building" on Main Street in North Manchester, stated Sarah Goodman, marketing coordinator for Michael Kinder & Sons, in response to a Plain Dealer request.

"Something exciting is taking place in North Manchester. With the swing of the sledgehammers and a commitment to community, historic buildings nearly destroyed by a fire will be reborn and re-purposed for community life," stated Goodman.

Rebuild and renovation

The Strauss family, represented now by a sixth generation, has undertaken a rebuild and renovation of the fire-torn and age-worn properties at

218-222 East Main Street, North Manchester.

Underway is reconstruction specifically designed to accommodate a new and permanent home for the Community Foundation of Wabash County.

"This is going to be an amazing asset to the historic main street of North Manchester and a space for our 65-year old Community Foundation of Wabash County," stated Leah Strauss Grant, sixth-generation Strauss family member, and renovation project manager. "Growing up and occasionally visiting the building, I remember walking the narrow halls, the weird maze of connected buildings, and sitting in the small office spaces that had no natural light. The designed renovation for the space is going to offer the whole of the county warm, new-fashioned and professional meeting spaces."

Design details

The design of the exterior will be a blend of old and new, stated Goodman.

"The south-facing brick facade will remain, as will the decorative cornice. New storefront windows will replace the old wood window framing systems, but the character of the existing



Provided graphic

This is an artist's rendering of how the building will look once its completed.

structure will be maintained on the East Main Street side," stated Goodman. "The dated canopy will be removed, and the south-facing windows will be opened up to bring the daylight into the space. A new street-side patio space will provide exterior seating along the street on thwwe west side of the building. The west face of the building, which was formerly an interior wall prior to the demolition of the adjacent building, will be structurally reinforced, with additional windows and the wall covered with a modern decorative metal panel. The top of the building will be lined with an extension of the decorative cornice."

Patio spaces will also be added to the back of the build-

ing, for the private use of the occupants, stated Goodman.

"The Strauss Family building will be re-imagined after almost two years of detailed study, planning, and design. With an overall client statement of 'doing it right' for the community and for the legacy of this building," stated Ron Dick, registered architect and principal at Design Collaborative, which has worked with the family to restore the luster of this historic structure.

Community Foundation's new home

The stated goal for the Community Foundation space is to "provide a welcoming en-

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Museum announces History Hunters program

First event to be held from 6 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 11

By STAFF REPORT

The Wabash County Museum is re-introducing its adult speaker series, known as History Hunters, according to a press release.

"These monthly evening events will allow community members the opportunity to engage with local history through a variety of presenters and topics," stated the release.

The first event will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Wabash County Museum, 36 E. Market St. To kick off their collaborative programming with the Wabash Carnegie Public Library themed around Explore Home the Museum has invited Amanda Rumba who is a member of the Indiana Humanities speakers' bureau.

Rumba will present her original program, "Historic Hoosier Communities: Change and Consistency."

"This interactive presentation aims to involve the audience in a lively discussion regarding points of difference and consensus between rural and urban experiences in Indiana over time," stated the release.

Rumba grew up in rural Indiana but has lived in places as diverse as Pennsylvania, Belfast, and Moscow before earning her master's degree from the University of Chicago. Rumba is currently working towards her doctorate in history from Purdue University, where her dissertation investigates stories of colonial history over time to analyze changes in the way humans record the past. Her other research interests focus on the shifts in religion, politics, identity, memory and nostalgia between the British colonies and the early United States.

Moving forward, History Hunters will occur monthly from 6 to 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Wabash County Museum.

Future presentations will be announced soon and those interested can keep up to date by visiting the Museum's website at www.wabashmuseum.org.

History Hunters programs are free and open to the public and are presented in part thanks to funding from Indiana Humanities as part of One State/One Story. One State/One Story: The Year We Left Home is presented by Indiana Humanities in partnership with the Indiana Center for the Book and the Indiana State Library.

Wabash Marketplace announces February First Friday details

This month's theme is 'fire'

By STAFF REPORT

Wabash Marketplace encourages the community to celebrate First Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 in downtown Wabash, according to a press release.

"Downtown will be buzzing with activities," stated the release. "This free event features downtown shopping, food, live music, and kids' activities. We are hot on the trail for fun things to do on First Friday. We hope you have a burning desire to attend. It is sure to be a sizzling night that will spark your curiosi-

ty. You'll receive a warm reception from the downtown businesses. Downtown is the hot spot to be. The theme for February is 'fire' to light your Valentine's mood."

Activities on Miami Street include:

■ New Journey Church with free snow cones and hot chocolate.

■ Pyroscope Entertainment will provide LED light demonstration from 6 to 7 p.m. and fire spinners at 7 p.m.

■ Schlemmer Bros. Metalworks will provide outdoor heaters to keep you warm.

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Trump trial closing arguments aim at voters, history

By LISA MASCARO AND ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Closing arguments Monday in President Donald Trump’s impeachment trial were directed more toward history than to sway the outcome, one final chance to influence public opinion and set the record ahead of his expected acquittal in the Republican-led Senate.

The House Democratic prosecutors drew on the Founding Fathers and common sense to urge senators – and Americans – to see that Trump’s actions are not isolated but a pattern of behavior that, left unchecked, will allow him to “cheat” in the 2020 election.

Democrat Rep. Adam Schiff implored those few Republican senators who have acknowledged Trump’s wrongdoing in the Ukraine matter to prevent a “run-away presidency” and stand up to say “enough.”

“For a man like Donald J. Trump, they gave you a remedy and meant for you to use it. They gave you an oath, and they meant for you to observe it,” Schiff said. “We have proven Donald Trump guilty. Now do impartial justice and convict him.”

The president’s defense countered the Democrats have been out to impeach Trump since the start of his presidency, nothing short of an effort to undo the 2016 election and to try to shape the next one, as early primary voting begins Monday in Iowa.

“Leave it to the voters to choose,” said White House counsel Pat Cipollone.

He called for an end to the partisan “era of impeachment.”

All that’s left, as the Senate prepares to acquit Trump on charges that he abused power and obstructed Congress, is for Americans to decide now and in the November election, as the third presidential impeachment trial in the nation’s history comes to a close.

Most senators acknowledge the House Democratic managers have essentially proven their case. Trump was impeached in December on two charges: that he abused his power like no other president in history when he pushed Ukraine to investigate rival Democrats, and he then obstructed Congress by instructing aides to defy House subpoenas.

But key Republicans have decided the president’s actions toward Ukraine do not rise to the level of impeachable offense that warrants the dramatic political upheaval of conviction and removal from office.

His acquittal in Wednesday’s vote is all but assured.

Republican Sens. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, Marco Rubio of Florida and Rob Portman of Ohio are among those who acknowledged the inappropriateness of Trump’s actions, but said they would not vote to hear more testimony or to convict.

“What message does that send?” asked Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., a House prosecutor. He warned senators that for Trump, the “past is prologue.” He urged the Senate to realize its failure to convict will “allow the president’s misconduct to stand.”

The Senate proceedings are set against a sweeping political backdrop, as voters in Iowa on Monday are choosing presidential Democratic primary candidates and Trump is poised to deliver his State of the Union address Tuesday in his own victory lap before Congress.

It is unclear if any Republican or Democratic senators sworn to do “impartial justice” will break from party lines. One centrist Democrat, Sen. Joe Manchin, W-Va., said he was heavily weighing the vote ahead. He suggested censure may be a bipartisan alternative.

The House Democrats unveiled a striking case centered on Trump’s personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani, running an alternative foreign policy that drew alarm at the highest levels. As part of the “scheme,” Trump held up \$391 million in U.S. aid from Ukraine, a fragile ally battling Russia, for his personal political gain, they argued. The money was eventually released after Congress intervened.

As Chief Justice John Roberts presided, the House managers opened with a plea from Rep. Jason Crow, D-Colo., a freshman and former Army Ranger: “We cannot and should not leave our common sense at the door.”

One by one, the Democrats drew on their life experiences to remind senators, and Americans, of the simple difference between right and wrong in the case against Trump.

Rep. Val Demings, a former police chief, argued that the president is not behaving like someone who is innocent. She warned that if senators do not convict, Trump will try to “cheat” again ahead of 2020.

“You will send a terrible message to the nation that one can get away with abuse of power, cheating and spreading of false narratives,” she told them.

Before Trump’s celebrity defense mounted its closing argument, the president himself already registered his views on Twitter, where he decried the whole thing – as he often does – as a “hoax.”

Kenneth Starr, the former prosecutor whose investigation led to Bill Clinton’s impeachment, complained about the inadequacy of the House prosecutors’ “fast track” case.

Trump attorney Jay Sekulow showed political clips of Democrats calling for impeachment – with many lawmakers of color, including Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a top Republican foil – to argue this was the “first totally partisan presidential impeachment in our nation’s history, and it should be our last.”

One key Trump lawyer, Alan Dershowitz, who was forced to walk back a sweeping defense of presidential power in last week’s arguments, did not appear.

Trump wanted acquittal secured before he arrives at the Capitol for the State of the Union address Tuesday, but that will not happen.

Senators carrying the power of their votes to the history books wanted additional time to make their own arguments, in public speeches from the floor of the Senate. Those began Monday afternoon and were expected to continue until Wednesday’s vote.

The trial unfolded over nearly two weeks and reached a decisive moment last Friday when senators voted against calling witnesses and documents. Key Republicans said they had heard enough. It becomes the first impeachment trial in the nation’s more than 200-year history without any witnesses.

Even new revelations from John Bolton, the former White House national security adviser, whose forthcoming book discloses his firsthand account of Trump ordering the investigations, did not impress upon senators the need for more testimony.

Bolton said he would appear if he received a subpoena, but GOP senators said the House should have issued the summons and the Senate did not want to prolong the proceedings.

Prosecutors relied on a 28,000-page report compiled over three months of proceedings in the Democratic-controlled House, including public and private testimony from 17 witnesses, among them current and former ambassadors and national security officials with close proximity to the Ukraine dealings.

5-Day Weather Summary

Tuesday

Scattered Rain

38 / 28

Wednesday

Isolated Snow

34 / 30

Thursday

Scattered Snow

32 / 24

Friday

Isolated Snow

33 / 26

Saturday

Mostly Cloudy

31 / 27

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:08 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:54 a.m.

Full

2/9

Last

2/15

New

2/23

First

3/2

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 55% chance of scattered rain, high temperature of 38°, humidity of 75%. North wind 11 to 16 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 45% chance of scattered snow, overnight low of 28°. North wind 10 to 16 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 19°.

It’s possible to get the flu even with a flu shot

DEAR DOCTOR: I got a flu shot this fall, but I still got sick. Why did this happen?

DEAR READER: Considering how this year’s flu season is shaping up, we’re not surprised by your question.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which tracks weekly flu statistics, the current season started early and has been unusually severe.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors



Flu has been reported in all 50 states.

The typical flu season runs from mid-fall to early spring, usually October through April. At this point, 46 states have reported widespread flu activity. And an unusual strain of the influenza virus is hitting harder than expected, particularly among children.

Influenza types A and B, two of the four known strains of influenza virus, account for the majority of illnesses. Type C is a milder form of the virus that is not associated with epidemics; type D appears in pigs and cattle, but not in humans. Historically, influenza type A accounts for three-fourths of all confirmed cases of the flu, with type B only showing up late in the season. However, this year, type B is making a stronger showing than type A, particularly in the southeastern U.S. This is important because of how each year’s flu vaccine is developed.

Designated global partners, including the CDC, work with the World Health Organization to collect and analyze thousands of influenza virus samples. The goal is to spot trends, and, because influenza is a master at mutating, identify new strains. Based on this data, scientists develop a vaccine that targets the top three or four influenza viruses expected in the coming flu season. Sometimes the vaccine does not cover the flu strain that has made you sick. And when widespread anomalies occur, such as with this season’s robust and early

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SUNDAY'S LOTTERIES

Cash 5
02-17-24-30-34
Cash4Life
19-22-29-36-60, Cash Ball: 4
Daily 3 midday 8-9-3
Daily 3 evening 7-6-0, SB: 2
Daily 4 midday
6-7-3-3
Daily 4 evening
8-6-8-0, SB: 2
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$168 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

MONDAY'S METALS

Aluminum......78
Copper.....2.53
Lead......85
Zinc.....1.01
Gold.....1,572.40
Silver.....17.62
Platinum.....969.72

AREA GRAIN

Estimated grain prices at Indianapolis-area elevators:
Corn: \$3.98. Soybeans: \$8.64.

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USDA approves disaster areas for 3 Indiana counties hit by rain

COVINGTON (AP) — Three western Indiana counties hit by excessive rainfall last year have been declared primary natural disaster areas by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The federal agency’s designation means agricultural producers in Fountain, Parke and Vermillion counties who suffered losses caused by excessive rain that occurred after March 1, 2019, may be eligible for emergency loans from the USDA’s Farm Service Agency.

The emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs, including replacing essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganizing a farming operation or refinancing certain debts.

Producers in the contiguous Indiana counties of Clay, Montgomery, Putnam, Tippecanoe, Vigo, and Warren, along with Edgar and Vermilion counties in Illinois,

are also eligible to apply for emergency loans.

The deadline to apply for the emergency loans is Sept. 23, 2020. Those applications will be reviewed based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Farmers may contact their local USDA service center for further information on eligibility requirements and application procedures. Additional information is also available online at farmers.gov/recover.

THE ROXY
MOVIE THEATER

Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, January 31- Thursday, February 6
All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

The Gentlemen (R)
Fri: 6:30, 9:20
Sat: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30, 9:20
Sun: 1:00, 3:45, 6:30
Mon- Thurs: 6:30

1917 (R)
Fri: 7:10, 9:50
Sat: 1:30, 4:05, 7:10, 9:50
Sun: 1:30, 4:05, 7:10
Mon- Thurs: 7:10

Dolittle (PG)
Fri: 7:00, 9:30
Sat: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00, 9:30
Sun: 1:40, 4:25, 7:00
Mon- Thurs: 7:00

Gretel and Hansel (PG13)
Fri: 6:40, 9:10
Sat: 1:20, 4:15, 6:40, 9:10
Sun: 1:20, 4:15, 6:40
Mon- Thurs: 6:40


Bad Boys for Life (R)
Fri: 6:50, 9:40
Sat: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50, 9:40
Sun: 1:10, 3:55, 6:50
Mon- Thurs: 6:50

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Carl Roger Doran

April 21, 1943 – Feb. 1, 2020

Carl Roger Doran, 76, of Miami Beach, Florida, formerly of Wabash, Indiana, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 at his home in Miami Beach. He was born April 21, 1943 in South Amboy, New Jersey to Carrol A. and Lorraine (Schroegel) Doran.

Carl was a 1960 graduate of Fair Haven High School in New Jersey, a 1964 graduate of DePauw University, and a graduate of The American Institute of Foreign Trade. He was the Senior Vice President of the Export Division at Ford Meter Box, retiring after 41 years, and also served on the board of directors until his retirement in 2008. He was a member of the Wabash First United Methodist Church. He was an avid golfer, and practiced yoga and Tai Chi.

Steven A. Lane

Steven A. Lane, 70, North Manchester, Indiana, passed away Jan. 31, 2020 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, Wabash, Indiana.

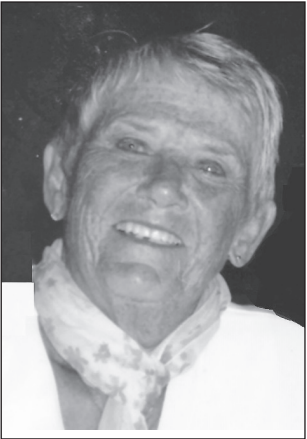
Steven A. Lane is survived by his wife, Lavaughna Lane; daughters, Katie (Andrew) Robinson and Kelly Aust; brothers, Junior (Viola) Lane, Jerry (Robin) Lane, and Larry Lane; sisters, Rosie (Larry) Miller, Iva Wright, Peggy (Jerry) Shepler, Linda Allen, and April Young; four grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

Family and friends may call Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020 from 1 to 3 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling.

Constance Ann (Shick) Squires

May 23, 1938 – Jan. 31, 2020

Constance Ann (Shick) Squires, 81, of rural Wabash, Indiana died at 4:50 a.m., Friday, Jan. 31 at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester. She was born May 23, 1938 in LaPorte, Indiana to Donald and Winifred (Dunham) Shick. After memorizing the Dorothy Squires' Sweet Mayonnaise recipe, she married Fredrick Howard Squires in LaPorte, Indiana on Aug. 25, 1963.



Her family will remember her love and devotion to her husband, Fred, children Beth, Amy, Meg, and Tom and 10 grandchildren. Connie created memories for her family with the AKC collies she raised, her canning and freezing of Fred's massive garden, cooking and baking as well as her beautiful rose garden. It seemed only natural that she and Fred would study to become Master Gardeners, just further proof of their green thumbs. Using her major field of study from Indiana University in Recreational Therapy, she worked in the schools as a reading tutor and also in classes with special needs kids. Many people in the area know Connie as the "Silhouette Lady". After raising her children Connie was able to pursue her love of art and children by working across the region cutting silhouettes from paper and doing paper cuttings of some of the beloved buildings in the area. She was the featured silhouette artist at the Johnny Appleseed Festival in Fort Wayne for over 15 years.

Connie Squires is survived by her four children, Beth (Darren Crandell) Squires of Ft Wayne, Indiana, Amy (Jeff) Beer of Nappanee, Indiana, Meg (Jamie) Butcher, Lone Tree, Colorado, and Tom (Michelle) Squires of Petoskey, Michigan, 10 grandchildren, Jessica (Dustin) Echard of Wabash, Jack Stein of Warsaw, Treg Beer of Arvada, Colorado, Abigail Stein of Ft Wayne, Graham Butcher of Gunnison, Colorado, Liz Beer of Nappanee, Trevor Butcher of Lone Tree, Colorado, Matthew Stein of Ft Wayne, Emma Squires and Michael Squires both of Petoskey, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Fred and brother Richard (Dick) Shick.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020 at Wabash Presbyterian Church, 123 W. Hill Street, Wabash, with Rev. Jonathan Cornell officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Monday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church.

Preferred memorials are the Dorothy Squires Educational Fund at the Community Foundation of Wabash County or the Art Program of the Donor's Choice.

The memorial guest book for Connie may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Margaret E. Frieden

Sept. 30, 1923 – Feb. 1, 2020

Margaret E. Frieden, 96, North Manchester, formerly of Silver Lake, Indiana passed away Feb. 1, 2020 at Peabody Healthcare Center, North Manchester. Margaret was born on Sept. 30, 1923 in Huntington County, Indiana to Ray and Francis (McCool) Shenefield.

At the age of 23, Margaret married James Frieden on Dec. 15, 1946. The two were wed for seventy-one years before James passed away on March 1, 2018. During their time together, Margaret worked to keep the house and children in order while James worked for EMS. On Sundays Margaret and James attended Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in North Manchester, where they were members. Margaret loved being around people and enjoyed telling jokes. She kept a joke book that had a broad range of jokes in it. She also volunteered her time with the GOP for many years and was a member of Pythian Sisters and Ora June Circle at church. To relax, she relished in her time crocheting. One day, Margaret's daughter let her drive her Corvette through Silver Lake. Margaret was looking at the RPMs and didn't realize the car had reached 90 mph going through Silver Lake, a story that Margaret and others laughed about for years.

The loving memory of Margaret E. Frieden will be forever cherished by her two sons, John Frieden, North Manchester and Von Frieden, Claypool, Indiana; two daughters, Nancy Shenefield, North Manchester and Joyce O'Brien, Silver Lake; four grandchildren, Mitchell (Bonnie) Shenefield, Anna



(Tom) Ganz, both of North Manchester, Marjae (Jimmy) Cashdollar, Fort Wayne, and James O'Brien Columbus, Indiana; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Margaret felt much heartache over her life, as she was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one son Jeffery James Frieden, one daughter Barbara Jo Frieden, two grandchildren, Doris Frieden and Cameron O'Brien, two sons-in-law, Mark Shenefield and Michael O'Brien, five brothers and two sisters.

Family and friends may call Feb. 8, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Pastor J.P. Freeman will officiate. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, 600 Beckley Street, North Manchester.

Memorial contributions may be made to either Riley's Children's Foundation, 30 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis 46202 or Alzheimer's Association, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240.

Audian Jack Kirby

April 7, 1951 – Jan. 30, 2020

Audian Jack Kirby, 68, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, died at 10:58 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 30, 2020 at Parkview Randallia in Fort Wayne, after a brief illness. He was born April 7, 1951 in Wabash, Indiana to Jack Kirby and Gloria (Beamer) Gildner. He lived in Fort Wayne, cared for by the Fort Wayne State Hospital and Training Center, and in a Benchmark Home.

Jack was much loved by many including his mother, grandparents, aunts, uncle, his great aunt Betty Gerkin, and cousins Linda Parker and Janet Kosteck, all of Fort Wayne, and the caring staff of the State Hospital and Bench-

mark. Despite his severe handicaps, Jack had a long and happy life.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Richard Beamer and Pastor Susan Beamer officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery, next to his grandparents Irene McKillip and Donald Beamer. Friends may call one hour prior to the service on Wednesday, at the funeral home.

The memorial guest book for Jack may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

David Brace

David Brace, 83, North Manchester passed away Jan. 30, 2020.

David will be remembered by his wife, Patricia Brace, North Manchester; three sons, David J. (Kelly) Brace, Doug Brace, and Ron (Karen) Brace; one daughter, Michelle "Shelly" Enyeart; one brother, Paul Brace; nine grandchildren, Jarrod (Christi Corbran)

PENDING SERVICES

Margaret Courtney: 75, of Hartford City, passed away on Feb. 3, 2020. Services are

pending and have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Home, Wabash.

Patricia H 'Pat' Egolf Leckrone

Sept. 24 1938 – Dec. 31 2019

Patricia H "Pat" Egolf Leckrone, 81 of North Manchester, died Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019, 5:40 p.m., at Heritage Care Center in Utah.

She was born Sep. 24, 1938, in Huntington, to Harold and Mary Louise (Heeter) Leckrone. She was a 1956 graduate of Chester High School.

Patricia loved music and played the French horn throughout her life. After her father, Harold Leckrone, started the North Manchester Civic band in 1976, Pat continued to be an intricate part of the band. She played French horn for over 40 years until her passing. She was also a member of the Wabash County Honors Band and Wabash County Choir. She was a member of the Congregational Christian Church, North Manchester.

Patricia served as the Chester Township Assessor. She was formerly employed at Tricks Supply Company, Egolf Superior Salvage, Heckman bindery, Dr. Croner's Dental Office, Key Pharmacy, and Allied Waste. She was a member of the Ivy Chapter #69 Order of the Easter Star, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, and the North Manchester Historical Society.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, joking with her friends, reminiscing about her past, attending band concerts, collecting antiques and working in the



yard. Pat was known for her dedication to the small town of North Manchester. She lived there over 60 years. Contributing to the local Historical Museum was one of her past times. She loved the history that made North Manchester her home.

She is survived by her brother Mike Leckrone of Middleton, Wisconsin, daughters Jami Egolf Rodriguez of Scottsdale, Arizona and Traci Egolf Poretta of Eagle Mountain, Utah, five grandchildren, Justin, Jordan, Jenna, Jaryn and Vincenza. She was preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter, Vincenza Porretta.

Pat wanted to thank her family, friends, and neighbors for all the wonderful memories. Services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery, North Manchester. Memorial contributions may be made to the North Manchester Civic Band.

Jack R. Gidley

Jack R. Gidley, 76, a lifetime resident of Wabash, passed away at 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 30, 2020 at Peabody Retirement Community.

A funeral service will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 4 at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Ave., Wabash, IN 46992 with Pastor David Phillips officiating.

Calling hours for friends

and family will be two hours prior to service, starting at 4 p.m., at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Wabash American Legion, Post 15 or VFW Post 286 Honor Guard.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Margaret G. 'Peg' Carter

May 11, 1937 – Jan. 31, 2020

Margaret G. "Peg" Carter, 82, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 12:56 a.m., Friday, Jan. 31, 2020 at her home. She was born May 11, 1937 in Muncie, Indiana to Mark and Mary Ellen (Weaver) Rice.

Peg was a 1955 graduate of Wabash High School. She married Max E. Carter in the Wabash Christian Church parsonage on April 30, 1960; he died Oct. 13, 2016. She was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church in Wabash. Peg was a homemaker and enjoyed quilting, reading, cross stitching and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. She was a very loving mother and grandmother.

She is survived by five children, Gary (Patricia Pierce) Carter of Glasgow, Kentucky, Mark (Julie) Coon, Cindy (Barry) Booth, Carol Carter, and Lynn (Darrell) Thompson, all of Wabash,



13 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren, sister, Judith (Vincent) Bauccho of Wabash, sister-in-law, Kathy (Richard) Lowe of Wabash, and her brother-in-law, Joe Bill (Sherry) Carter of Fall Brook, California. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and her son, Larry Coon.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020 at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 188 W. Sinclair, Wabash, with Father Anthony Steinacker officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-7:30 pm Tuesday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave., Wabash, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Preferred memorial is St. Bernard Catholic School.

The memorial guest book for Peg may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Indiana House backs slowing coal power plant closures

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana House narrowly endorsed on Monday a proposal aimed at making it more difficult for Indiana electric companies to close more coal-fired power plants.

House members voted 52-41 in favor of the bill that would impose additional state

reviews on utility companies for the coming year before they could move ahead with shutting down those plants. Just two Democrats joined Republicans in supporting the bill, which faces objections from consumer and environmental groups who argue it props up the coal industry and could stifle growth in renewable energy such as wind and solar power.

Republican Rep. Ed Soliday of Valparaiso, the bill's sponsor, said he wants to slow down any more plant closing decisions before a state energy task force completes a report for legislators that's due in late 2020. He said he worries about major actions happening before the Legislature can consider the report and whether to adopt a statewide energy policy next

year.

"Whether that is coal or rabbits on a treadmill, we need the lights to come on when we flip the switch," Soliday said. "We are in transition and all we're asking is to be able to manage it."

The proposal comes as at least four large Indiana electric utilities intend on closing several coal-burning plants in the coming years. Those

include plans from Indianapolis Power & Light Co. to retire by 2023 two of the four coal-burning units at its Petersburg Generating Station in southwestern Indiana, while Merrillville-based Northern Indiana Public Service Co. aims to shut down four of its five remaining coal-fired units within five years.

Opponents argued that the proposal threatens higher

electricity bills for consumers and adding bureaucratic steps for companies with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

"Let's just let the market work its will," said Democratic Rep. Matt Pierce of Bloomington. "Let's not shift the balance of the scale to an inefficient competitor who's having difficulties winning in the marketplace."

Opinion

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 123 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 123 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedeal.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

In the twelfth year, on the fifteenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came to me.

Ezekiel 32:17

Will the Wuhan virus become a pandemic?

Two things explain why a new infectious disease is so alarming. One is that, at first, it spreads exponentially. As tens of cases become hundreds and hundreds become thousands, the mathematics run away with you, conjuring speculation about a health-care collapse, social and economic upheaval and a deadly pandemic. The other is profound uncertainty. Sparse data and conflicting reports mean that scientists cannot rule out the worst case – and that lets bad information thrive.

So it is with a new coronavirus, known as 2019-ncov, which has struck in China. The number of reported cases grew from 282 on Jan. 20 to almost 7,800 just nine days later. In that time four reported cases outside mainland China have multiplied to 105 in 19 territories. Doubt clouds fundamental properties of the disease, including how it is passed on and what share of infected people die. Amid the uncertainty, a simulation of a coronavirus outbreak by Johns Hopkins University in October, in which 65 million people lost their lives, was put about as a prediction. It is not.

Those are the right questions, though: will the new virus become a global disease? And how deadly will it be? A definite answer is weeks or months away, but public-health authorities have to plan today. The best guess is that the disease has taken hold in China (see article) and there is a high risk that it spreads around the world – it may even become a recurrent seasonal infection. It may turn out to be no more lethal than seasonal influenza, but that would still count as serious (see article). In the short term that would hit the world economy and, depending on how the outbreak is handled, it could also have political effects in China.

The outbreak began in December. The repeated mingling of people and animals in China means that viral mutations that infect humans are likely to arise there; and mass migration to cities means that they are likely to spread between people. This virus probably originated in bats and passed through mammals, such as palm civets or ferret badgers, ending up in Wuhan's wet market, where wild animals were on sale. Symptoms resemble flu, but can include pneumonia, which may be fatal. About 20

percent of reported cases are severe, and need hospital care; about 2 percent of them have been fatal. As yet, there is no vaccine or antiviral treatment.

The greatest uncertainty is how many cases have gone unrecorded. Primary health care is rudimentary in China and some of the ill either avoided or were turned away from busy hospitals. Many more may have such mild symptoms that they do not realise they have the disease. Modelling by academics in Hong Kong suggests that, as of Jan. 25, tens of thousands of people have already been infected and that the epidemic will peak in a few months' time. If so, the virus is more widespread than thought, and hence will be harder to contain within China. But it will also prove less lethal, because the number of deaths should be measured against a much larger base of infections. As with flu, a lot of people could die nonetheless. In 2017-18 a bad flu season saw symptoms in 45m Americans, and 61,000 deaths.

Scientists have started work on vaccines and on treatments to make infections less severe. These are six to 12 months away, so the world must fall back on public-health measures. In China that has led to the biggest quarantine in history, as Wuhan and the rest of Hubei province have been sealed off. The impact of such draconian measures has rippled throughout China. The spring holiday has been extended, keeping schools and businesses closed. The economy is running on the home-delivery of food and goods.

Many experts praise China's efforts. Certainly, its scientists have coped better with the Wuhan virus than they did with sars in 2003, rapidly detecting it, sequencing its genome, licensing diagnostic kits and informing international bodies. China's politicians come off less well. They left alone the cramped markets filled with wild animals that spawned sars. With the new virus, local officials in Wuhan first played down the science and then, when the disease had taken hold, enacted the draconian quarantine fully eight hours after announcing it, allowing perhaps 1m potentially infectious people to leave the city first.

That may have undermined a measure which is taking a substantial toll. China's growth

in the first quarter could fall to as little as 2 percent, from 6 percent before the outbreak. As China accounts for almost a fifth of world output, there will probably be a noticeable dent on global growth. Though the economy will bounce back when the virus fades, the reputation of the Communist Party and even of Xi Jinping may be more lastingly affected. The party claims that, armed with science, it is more efficient at governing than democracies. The heavy-handed failure to contain the virus suggests otherwise.

Outside China such quarantines are unthinkable. The medical and economic cost will depend on governments slowing the disease's spread. The way to do this is by isolating cases as soon as they crop up and tracing and quarantining people that victims have been in contact with – indeed, if the disease burns out in China, that might yet stop the pandemic altogether. If, by contrast, that proves inadequate, they could shut schools, discourage travel and urge the cancellation of public events. Buying time in this way has advantages even if it does not completely stop the disease. Health-care systems would have a greater chance to prepare for the onslaught, and to empty beds that are now full of people with seasonal flu.

Despite all those efforts the epidemic could still be severe. Some health systems, in Africa and the slums of Asia's vast cities, will not be able to isolate patients and trace contacts. Much depends on whether people are infectious when their symptoms are mild (or before they show any at all, as some reports suggest), because such people are hard to spot. And also on whether the virus mutates to become more transmissible or lethal.

The world has never responded as rapidly to a disease as it has to 2019-ncov. Even so, the virus may still do great harm. As humans encroach on new habitats, farm more animals, gather in cities, travel and warm the planet, new diseases will become more common. One estimate puts their cost at \$60 billion a year. sars, mers, Nipah, Zika, Mexican swine flu: the fever from Wuhan is the latest of a bad bunch. It will not be the last.

This editorial was first published in The Economist.



Two Civil War stories

By JAMES F. BURNS

Summer, 1863. The Civil War was raging. Fear raced through Indiana and Ohio like wildfire when General John Hunt Morgan crossed the Ohio River with his elite unit of Southern cavalry. Cries of "Morgan's Raiders are coming, Morgan's Raiders are coming" echoed from farm to farm, town to town, sending shivers through the local populace – one of whom was Mayme Ulrey's grandmother.

I had been referred to Mayme as an excellent source of local history and stopped to see her in Owensville, Ohio, on my way back to Florida with my family. Mayme, age 95, greeted me warmly and welcomed the chance to tell me about her grandmother's confrontation with Morgan's Raiders.

"Grandmother met Morgan's men at the doorway to her house. She kept a small store of dry goods which would have been of value to Morgan's Raiders. But they never got that far. Grandmother looked the lead man straight in the eye and said: 'Sir, I have been told you men are all Southern gentlemen. No

gentleman enters a lady's house unless invited. And you, sir, have NOT been invited!'"

Morgan's men were taken aback by this sudden burst of female bravado. They eyed each other, then straightened their shoulders, and turned their horses aside, passing on by with a renewed sense of Southern dignity and pride triggered by a well-timed dose of Yankee ingenuity.

A second Civil War story evolved from Mayme's listing my name and address in a weekly column she was writing for a small local newspaper. Anyone with information about my Burns ancestral farm in that area could contact me. A man named Robert Brown did just that, saying that he had solved the mystery of the missing letter. What letter? What mystery?

It seems that my great-uncle, John Harvey Burns, received a letter from a friend who was a Union soldier in the Vicksburg campaign. Uncle Harve read the letter while standing in front of the fireplace, placing the letter on the mantel when finished. But when he returned a few minutes later to retrieve the letter

and share it with the rest of the family, the Vicksburg letter had disappeared. Repeated searches came up empty, the letter having vanished into thin air.

But it hadn't. Robert Brown found it a century or so later. Brown had bought our ancestral Burns farm and set about rebuilding the house's fireplace, taking it apart brick by brick.

And there among the bricks he found an old letter, brown with age and further darkened by years of smoke. Soon after Uncle Harve had put the letter on the mantel, evidently a gust of wind from an open door had blown the letter down a small crack between the mantel and the wall. Miraculously, the soldier's letter had survived, though not read again for well over a century after Uncle Harve had received it.

The Civil War tore this nation asunder, dividing us north and south. But hopefully anecdotes like Mayme's grandmother's facing down Morgan's Raiders and the letter lost in the fireplace are Civil War memories that will warm all of our hearts – North and South, right and left.

James F. Burns is a retired professor at the University of Florida.

A day to meet the young men who will save America

By DR. RICHARD MOSS, M.D.

I went to a "Game Feed" recently, an event put on annually by a local who goes by the name of "Chief." He organizes this every January, in the winter, on a Saturday, in the middle of God's country, on the outskirts of the town of Duff in Dubois County, southern Indiana.

It was a cold day with freezing temperatures, which was better than last year when it was raining and muddy. The dirt road was rocky and curving and surrounded by dense forest; it led into the property where the hunters gathered. It included a rundown but functioning cabin within which was a fireplace – a perfect place to congregate and escape the cold. There were a hundred or so hunters and friends, all gun people, a Second Amendment crowd, comfortable in the world of guns, ammo, camouflage, decoys, field dressing, butchering and living off the land, my kind of people. There were all ages represented including my son and his friends in their early 20s, and then up into the 50s, 60s and beyond.

The theme there was "game," which meant flesh garnered through hunting and not from the supermarket or deli. As such, the various meats were lean, free of chemicals or additives, as good and tasty as it gets. The hunters prepared the meats, cooking, sautéing, grilling, barbecuing or frying on small gas or other makeshift stoves in the open air. There was turkey, pheasant, duck, moose, deer, squirrel, beaver, elk, rabbit and boar – enticing aromas everywhere. Some of the morsels were wrapped in bacon or strips of ham, or layered with cheese, accompanied by different sauces or gravies, or plain, the wondrous flavors of the ungarnished meat more than delicious enough.

The spirits flowed freely including whiskey, gin, bourbon, vodka, rum, beer and homemade wine, accompanied often by cigars – manly combinations. There was a plentitude of small fires around which the congregants huddled, drinking and eating, enjoying the camaraderie and their shared passion for hunting. The conversations were lively and good-natured.

I spent time with my son and his friends. They were a rarity, it seemed today, young conservatives. In somewhat inebriated fashion, they bemoaned the changes occurring in the country, the breakdown of the family, the coarsening of the culture and the rejection of faith. There was the ticking debt bomb. They worried also about future assaults on the Second Amendment and their right to self-defense. They expressed unease about their future, and I did not blame them.

These young men, patriotic, gun-loving Americans in flyover country, represented a despised demographic in today's media and culture. Taken together, they were a motley collection: factory workers, small business men, farmers, truckers, mechanics, builders, marketers, website designers, students, teachers, retailers, attorneys, craftsmen, accountants and so on – the backbone of the nation, in other words. They were united by a love of the outdoors, guns, the hunting arts and many shared values. Talking with them, I felt a sense of despair, as if I were witnessing the passing of a way of life and culture, one that had dominated the country since its inception, had always been mainstream, but had now become marginalized and under attack.

These young people and, I suspected, the majority of those present that day, understood that America was a unique phenomenon. Its formation was providential and based on a most improbable sequence of events and convergence of philosophies; it was unlikely to be repeated. The way of centralized planners and the encroaching, coercive state was the way of all history and of the world today other than a precious few outliers, led, of course, by this country.

The United States was different in that it upheld from its origin a belief in the sanctity of the individual, the right to self-defense, small government, the free market and Judeo-Christian tenets. Most important was the influence of the Bible, and the belief that individuals were created in the image of God. Indeed these were the magic ingredients, the critical strands that the founders cobbled together to forge a nation that rejected tribal norms and historical precedent and embraced instead inalienable rights and liberty.

I hoped that America would withstand the assaults from within and not go the way of Rome and other great civilizations that have come and gone. I prayed that a divided nation with so many of its citizens having lost the plot of America, would not succumb to illiberal and hostile ideologies, culminating in its demise and fragmentation, a once magnificent civilization that ultimately could not sustain itself.

Yet my young friends were confident even as they expressed their apprehensions. Through the haze of gin and bourbon, they espoused optimism. They stumbled through defenses of the American way. They tripped over declarations of allegiance to free enterprise. And, yes, despite the alcohol, they were rational.

Many of them, as my son, were high school athletes – a hardy bunch, full of themselves, and of sturdy timber. They had engaged in high-level contests at young ages on the courts and fields of competition. Victory and defeat had seared them. They understood discipline, teamwork and sacrifice.

Young leaders, they are among the best this nation has to offer. They do not doubt themselves or their future prospects. They have their plans, come what may. They intend to continue the plot of America, the story of America, the great dream of America. I believe in them, and the country depends on them – and millions of others like them. I hope they will succeed, convince others of their creed, and thus save the nation.

Dr. Richard Moss, M.D., surgeon practicing in Jasper, was a candidate for Congress in 2016 and 2018. He has written "A Surgeon's Odyssey" and "Matilda's Triumph," both books available at amazon.com. Contact him at richardmossmd.com or Richard Moss, M.D. on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Business

Nominations open for Influential Women of NWI Awards

Both established leaders and up-and-coming women will be honored

By STAFF REPORT

If you know a woman in your company or community that has made an impact, now’s the time to get her some well-deserved recognition, according to a press

release. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2020 Influential Women of Northwest Indiana awards, an event celebrates and recognizes the region’s female professionals for their influence

in business, industries and communities. Both established leaders and up-and-coming women will be honored. Two women in each of the following 12 industry categories will be selected

as winners: Arts, Business, Construction/Manufacturing, Economic Development/Government, Education, Finance, Healthcare, Law, Marketing/Media, Nonprofit, Service/Tourism and STEM.

Additional awards are given for the Empowering Business of the Year, Community Leader of the Year and Supporter of the Year, based on their efforts in supporting and empowering females throughout the NWI business community. Visit www.nwiwomen.com

for additional eligibility information. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 21. The application is available online at www.nwiwomen.com, under the nominations tab. The awards banquet will be held on Sept. 24 at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville.

Beware of clickbait scams following the death of Kobe Bryant

The sudden death of Kobe Bryant has many fans rushing to buy clothing and memorabilia that commemorates the life of the five-time NBA champion.

A few hours after the news broke Sunday about Bryant’s death in a helicopter crash

Michelle Singletary



in California, I was sitting in church waiting for service to start when a fellow parishioner asked if I thought it was OK to order from a certain online

site. He wanted to purchase a memorial T-shirt.

The black shirts were going fast, and he needed to act quickly before they sold out, according to a pressuring message on the site.

Like Marvel’s Peter Parker, my “spider sense” indicated impending danger.

I asked the church member if he had ever shopped at the site before. He hadn’t. He had just been searching on the Internet for something to remember the basketball player by and saw a shirt he liked.

But I cautioned him that the site might be a fake, in which case he would never receive the shirt. Or maybe it was set up by a scammer as a way to capture his credit card information so the data could be used to make fraudulent purchases.

I strongly suggested that he stick with a trustworthy online retailer. The man’s wife, who had been listening

to our conversation, smiled. “Thank you,” she mouthed after her husband decided to wait and do some additional research.

Scammers are quick to home in on people’s curiosity, grief and/or admiration following the death of a high-profile personality. The Better Business Bureau issued a warning this week cautioning consumers to watch out for Bryant-related clickbait and to “not let their mourning cloud their judgment.”

“Every time there’s a celebrity death, we see scammers take advantage of people,” said Katherine Hutt, national spokesperson for the Better Business Bureau.

Following the death of comedian Robin Williams in 2014, an email circulated on Facebook promising a “goodbye” video that was supposedly recorded by the actor just before he took his own life.

But when people clicked the link, they were sent to a fake BBC News site, according to an advisory issued at the time by Symantec, a security software company, which has since changed its name to Norton LifeLock. Users were told they had to install an application on their computer or fill out a survey to view the video, which didn’t exist.

“Scammers operating these sites use affiliate programs to earn money for the completion of surveys and file downloads,” the cybersecurity company warned.

Sham links could contain malware intended to capture

your personal and financial data, which could lead to identity theft, Hutt said.

“We expect the scammers to do something similar to what they did when Robin Williams died,” she said.

Be careful of clicking links promising that proceeds from the sale of Bryant memorabilia will go to a charity. Use caution when clicking stories with sensational headlines teasing “never seen before” videos or photos of Bryant and his family. Bryant’s 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, and seven others died in the helicopter crash as well.

The Better Business Bureau offers the following tips to consumers either looking for Bryant merchandise or searching for articles about his life and death.

■ Watch out for fake shopping sites. Avoid unfamiliar websites. Scammers can also easily impersonate legitimate online shopping sites. Don’t follow a link to a site. Search for it yourself.

■ Don’t rush to purchase stuff. “Take your time,” Hutt urged. “There will be plenty of opportunities to buy merchandise or memorabilia. If you are being rushed, that’s a big red flag – and a sign that something might be shady.”

■ Check for the security settings. If the site is secure, its web address should start with “https://” and include a lock icon on the purchase or shopping-cart page. If you hover over a link you can see its true destination.

■ Use credit not debit. Keep in mind that your debit

card is directly tied to your bank account. There is not much of a delay from the time of your purchase until the funds are withdrawn. This means fraudulent transactions can quickly do a lot of damage. Consider using a credit card for online purchases. The consumer protections are stronger for credit card users. If your credit card is used without your permission, you can only be held liable for up to \$50. And even then, most banks won’t try to collect that from you. If a product is damaged or not delivered, you can dispute the charges and you have an ally – your credit card issuer – which can withhold payment until the situation is investigated and settled.

■ Look out for deceitful discounts. I know you want to save money, but don’t respond to an unsolicited email from an unknown source promising some great deal.

Just be careful out there, and exercise extreme caution if you’re looking for something to remind you of Bryant’s legacy.

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Here’s how the tax code exacerbates the income and wealth divide in America

By MICHELLE SINGLETARY

Follow the lines of the IRS Form 1040, and a picture emerges of an America divided economically by race and ethnicity.

Although high-income Americans pay a larger share of their income in taxes, they nonetheless have a significant financial advantage over African Americans, Hispanics and low-income families, according to a newly released analysis by the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center.

Researchers for the center took a line-by-line look at the 1040 form for individuals in an effort to answer this question: Is the tax code neutral on race? It’s not.

There’s definitely a bias that exacerbates income and wealth inequalities, says Kim Rueben, Sol Price Fellow at the Tax Policy Center.

“Even though the IRS doesn’t ask about race, this doesn’t mean that the 1040 or the federal income tax system doesn’t have different effects for people of different races,” Rueben said in an interview.

In their interactive guide through the 1040 form, Rueben and research analyst Aravind Boddupalli explain various ways in which the tax code contributes to existing racial inequities. (You can access the guide here: <https://urbn.is/37JJzj1>)

For example, in 2018, the treatment of capital gains overwhelming benefited wealthier white families. Tax breaks for retirement savers and homeowners

also contribute to the wealth divide and also disproportionately go to high-income, white taxpayers.

Workplace retirement plans – such as a 401(k) – have helped a lot of people accumulate wealth. But African American and Hispanic workers are less likely to have access to this tax-favorable benefit.

Employer plans boost participation in retirement savings. It’s easier to save when the money is coming out of your paycheck before you see it. And if an employer matches employee contributions, plan participation increases by 15 to 15.5 percentage points, according to research by the Pew Charitable Trusts.

“Americans do most of their saving for retirement at their jobs,” the Pew Research Center said in a 2017 report on retirement access and participation.

The problem is that many private-sector workers of color don’t have access to employer-sponsored plans. In 2016, 60 percent of white families had retirement accounts, compared with 34 percent of black families and 30 percent of Hispanic families, according to the Federal Reserve Survey of Consumer Finances.

It’s been a long-standing policy of the federal government to encourage homeownership. And the mortgage-interest tax deduction is one way to boost this mission. A married couple filing jointly can deduct mortgage interest on up to \$750,000 for a qualified residential loan.

Taxpayers can also exclude capital gains from the sale of a home. Up to \$250,000 (or \$500,000 for married couples) of capital gains from the sale of principal residences can be tax-free if taxpayers meet certain conditions.

But who benefits most from these two tax provisions?

It’s largely white households, because they have a higher rate of homeownership at 73.4 percent, according to the most recent data from the Census Bureau. In the third quarter of 2019, the average homeownership rate was 42.7 percent for blacks and 47.8 percent for Hispanics.

“We are not suggesting that the Internal Revenue Service or the federal government is targeting tax provisions to benefit or harm people of color,” wrote Rueben and Boddupalli in a note about the project. “Overall, our goal is to illustrate how the tax system and specific tax provisions may have disparate impacts by race or ethnicity.”

There are a number of reasons to explain the disparity, but much of it can still be traced to a history of redlining and segregation, Rueben told me.

“If we think about homeownership and retirement savings, two of the characteristics of those programs are to encourage people to build wealth through our tax system,” she said. “And the fact that black and brown families are not benefiting from them means they’re not accessing some of the ways that

people largely build their wealth over time.”

Rueben said one possible way to encourage homeownership among low-income and minorities would be to create a credit for first-time homebuyers instead of giving a deduction for mortgage interest, which has the effect of benefiting borrowers buying bigger homes.

There are parts of the tax code – such as the earned-income tax credit (EITC) – that greatly benefit low- and modest-income black and Hispanic households. But as the Tax Policy Center’s research shows, the system overall still skews in favor of those who are more well off.

As Rueben points out, we do a lot of our public policy through our tax system. The launch of this new interactive tool is an important analysis designed not to cast blame, but to highlight those areas of the tax code that need an update. It’s past time to correct provisions that continue to deepen our nation’s wealth divide.

Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer’s name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.

IDEM seeks nominations for 2020 Governor’s Awards for Environmental Excellence

Nominations must be received no later than 5 p.m. Monday, April 6

By STAFF REPORT

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is now accepting nominations for the 2020 Governor’s Awards for Environmental Excellence, according to a press release.

“These awards recognize individuals and organizations that have implemented outstanding environmental strategies into their operations and decision-making processes,” stated the release.

IDEM and Governor Eric J. Holcomb’s office will present seven awards, one in each of the following categories:

- Energy Efficiency/Renewable Resources.
- Environmental Education/Outreach.
- Five Year Continuous Improvement.
- Greening the Government.
- Land Use/Conservation.
- Pollution Prevention.

■ Recycling/Reuse

The public is invited to submit nominations and organizations may self-nominate. Nominations are open to all Indiana facilities, government agencies, individuals and other groups that implement exemplary environmental projects or initiatives with measurable results. An instructional webinar, eligibility requirements and details about the nomination process are available at <https://www.in.gov/idem/partnerships/2457.htm>.

Nominations must be received by IDEM no later than 5 p.m. Monday, April 6.

Awards will be presented at the Annual Pollution Prevention Conference on Sept. 16 at the Marriott Indianapolis North.

For questions about the nomination process, please contact Cameron Maschino by calling 317-233-5434 or emailing GovAwards@idem.IN.gov.

Do Just One Thing

A fully loaded automatic dishwasher is the best way to be as water- and energy-efficient as possible. But if you have a partially loaded washer, gather these things around the house to give them a good clean and fill up your machine! Add hairbrushes and combs, which can get

dirty from products and oil over time. Unscrew a showerhead and wash it in the top rack to remove mineral buildup and help it run like new when you reinstall it. And collect sponges and dish brushes to not only clean them, but disinfect them from all the grime and bacteria that builds up over time.

Google 4Q revenue grew, but not enough for Wall Street

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Google’s revenue grew, but Wall Street wanted more.

Parent company Alphabet’s stock fell nearly 5 percent after financial results came out Monday, even as profits rose 19 percent and beat expectations for the last three months of the year.

Helped by lower taxes, Alphabet said Monday it earned \$10.7 billion, or \$15.35 per share, more than the \$12.49 a share analysts polled by FactSet were expecting. Net revenue, after subtracting advertising costs, was \$37.6 billion, up 18 percent from a year ago. But analysts were looking for \$38.4 billion.

This was the second rocky quarter in a row for the online search leader. Its third quarter brought higher-than-expected revenue but a profit shortfall due to higher spending on new hires, data centers and other expenses.

While Google is still the clear leader in the digital advertising market, it is seeing growing competition from the likes of Facebook and Amazon.

Google – and with it, Alphabet – makes the majority of its money from selling targeted advertising across the web, apps and Google products including its search engine and video streaming

site YouTube. Investors are now also closely watching the growth of Google’s cloud business and its aspirations in the health care industry. Google agreed to buy the fitness tracker company Fitbit in November.

Alphabet disclosed revenue for YouTube and its cloud business for the first time, something analysts have been seeking for years.

“The information should also give advertisers valuable information about the importance of YouTube as a digital ad vehicle,” eMarketer analyst Nicole Perrin said.

Alphabet said YouTube’s advertising revenue grew 31 percent to \$4.72 billion, while Google Cloud revenue grew 53 percent to \$2.61 billion.

Chief Financial Officer Ruth Porat said the quarter’s profit benefitted from lower taxes due to several years of audits. Alphabet is setting aside \$33 million for income taxes in the quarter, compared with \$1.12 billion a year earlier.

She said that there has no impact on Alphabet from the coronavirus outbreak in China and that the company is helping with relief efforts. She said the virus could eventually hurt Google’s sales of hardware, such as Chromebooks and Pixel phones, if it continues to spread and become a long-term problem.

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vironment to serve as the hub for giving in the community.” “The space will be inviting and inclusive, pulling reminders of history and community landmarks into the space. The large exterior street-side windows will be reflective of the community and contain graphic elements to remind pedestrians of the mission and values of the Community Foundation,” stated Goodman. “The finish of the interior space will be warm, with wood floors, color, texture, and light-filled meeting spaces and offices. The feel of the space will be reflective of the community; approachable, professional, friendly, thoughtful, and passionate. There will be many reminders built into the space of the purpose of the Community Foundation: ‘We’re here for giving. We’re here for good.’” Brian Howenstine, Commu-

nity Foundation board president, stated they “gratefully acknowledged the Strauss family’s generosity in creating this center for the County and the Foundation.” “The Foundation’s assets and work have expanded exponentially in the last several years. The additional meeting space and capacity will support our mission to serve the County well into the future. The County is blessed by many generous citizens who, like the Strausses, want to see our county grow and prosper,” stated Howenstine.

Residential apartments The second floor of the 218-222 East Main Street building will get new life with residential apartments. “Four units will occupy this floor: two 2-bedroom units and two 1-bedroom units, with light-filled rooms and modern conveniences, will make terrific homes on the historic Main Street,” stated Goodman. “Large portions of the

load-bearing walls that separated the three compartments of the original building will be opened up to provide a spacious feel to these apartments. The apartments will all feature LVT floors, in-suite laundry facilities, modern kitchens with solid surface counters, and stainless steel appliances. The fit and finish of these units will be high quality. But, most of all, these new apartments will be reflective of the quality of place that comes from living in downtown North Manchester and Wabash County.”

Strauss family history Generations of the family have cherished the iconic turn-of-the-century property. “The construction of the second-floor apartments is especially fitting,”stated Leah Strauss Grant. “We think it’s so important that our community can offer different styles and ways of living, be it single-family houses or apartments. My grandparents, Don and Billie Strauss, lived

in one of the original units for the first two years of their marriage in 1949. In 2014 my sister, Emily, worked tirelessly to renovate one of the units. She created the type of space that she wanted for herself within the community that she loves. She lived there with classmates while attending Manchester University. It will be good to rebuild.” In 1920, JW Strauss, (John Wesley) and Son first offered “Feed, Coal, and Ice” from his storefront at 220-222 East Main Street. Spanning over 130 years, the two-story, high-ceiled, commercial and residential facility housed the endeavors of multiple Strauss family members. Arden Strauss returned from World War I to join JW, his father, in the growing agricultural feed business. His son, Donald Strauss, joined the firm in 1950. Don’s eventual decision to franchise Purina products brought the ubiquitous red and white checkerboard logo that branded and

made available in the Main Street store animal feeds from rabbit to horse to monkey, all while the principal and original enterprise --the mill, produced ever greater quantities of chicken feed. Through the ‘60s, Strauss’ Inc integrated in scope to include production of layer hens and eggs, and the demand for chicken feed outpaced the scale of the rear-located elevator. Concurrently, the family enterprise was adding staff to support the emerging bovine feed enterprise, and in 1976, the operations and staff for the Strauss grain elevator, “the mill,” relocated to 1100 North. As the special-fed veal business expanded, the family purchased and linked the adjacent 218 East Main street as additional office space. In the early ‘80s the growth and new technologies in the calf feed business necessitated a new manufacturing facility for Strauss Veal Feeds and the Main Street properties were vacated. The family leased the

properties to Gilbert Naragon Purdy, who over the next 22 years sublet to several organizations, including Grandstaff Rendering, the law offices of Tiede Metz and Downs, and Albert Schlitt, and Steve Hammer, attorneys, and Terrill & Company, CPA. In 2001, the Community Foundation of Wabash County occupied the west building and remained there until the 2016 fire. “Our family is pleased to see a beloved piece of the town’s history live on into a new century as could never have been imagined in 1875 when the Strausses first immigrated to the area. What began with “Feed, Coal, and Ice” hopefully will feed the community once again, this time with a home for nurturing the ideas that brighten our common future and the resources to bring them to life,” stated Sally Strauss Krouse. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.

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■ “Fun on Miami Street” is sponsored in honor of Crossroads Bank’s 100th Anniversary. Sample all of the food offerings: ■ Be sure to visit all of the options at Charley Creek Inn including Twenty, Wine & Cheese Shoppe and Ice Cream & Candy Shoppe. ■ Downtown Nutrition will feature their signature teas and shakes. ■ Market Street Grill will be serving dinner and drinks. ■ Modoc’s Market will

have hot and cold beverages and light snacks. ■ Ohh, My Cakes! is celebrating their one-year anniversary and drawing for gift baskets and molten lava cakes. ■ Pizza King will have specials on your favorite pizzas. ■ A Wabash Girl Scout Troop will have three booths selling cookies. Locations include Bellazo, Modoc’s Market and Wabash County Museum. ■ Nick’s Dog Shack will be open inside Chapman’s Taproom. ■ Paynes’ Fish and Chips food truck will be on Miami Street.

Food options are sponsored by Beacon Credit Union. Enjoy some tunes sponsored by 95.9 Kiss FM while at the event including John Shoulder, who will perform inside Charley Creek Inn from 8 to 11 p.m. Other downtown events include: ■ Access Youth Center, which will have an open house from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with snacks, crafts and games. ■ Birdie J’s will have new arrivals and 50 percent off sale. ■ Borders & Beyond will have an art reception for Erika Ford from 5 to 7 p.m. ■ Eclectic Shoppe will have

a Pop-Up Shop with Connie’s Little German Breadshop. ■ The Welcome Center at Visit Wabash County will have sales on many items including Products from Solid Waste Management – backpacks, crossbodies, handbags and wristlets, made from vegan leather and plastic water bottle liners, plus handbags made from upcycled canvas. Heart Jewelry, made by Sue Scamihorn. Jewelry and candles 20 percent off from Wabash County Museum. Featuring jewelry from Rhinestones & Roses, Eclectic Shoppe, Candie Cooper, Bellazo, Wooden Ivy and Accessories

For Hope. The Wabash County Museum will be hosting Midwest Eye Consultants with a Valentine’s Day craft and a census recruitment group that will be sharing information on how to apply for a job with them. The Museum will also have their own craft along the theme of, “I love my hometown!” “Unfortunately, the Trolley No. 85 will not be running,” stated the release. Downtown deals and events are sponsored by Wabash Marketplace. For more information, visit www.wabashmarketplace.org or call 260-563-0975.

MONOPOLY

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at msturm7@ivytech.edu. If you’d like to donate, visit https://connect.ivytech.edu/fortwayne and choose Wabash Annual Campaign from the drop-down designation menu. Ford Meter Box is the presenting sponsor for Monopoly Night. If you, or someone you know, need scholarship assistance to attend Ivy Tech in Wabash, please contact the Office of Financial Aid, 260-480-4136, for more information.

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United Methodist Church plans community dinner The United Methodist Church will be hosting a community dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at 306 E. Second St. The menu includes baked steak, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, roll, dessert and drink. Ticket cost for adults is \$8.50 and children ages 7 to 12 are \$.5, children under 6 are free. Carry-outs are available at 4:30 p.m. The public is welcome. North Manchester United Methodist Church is handicapped-accessible, with parking in the rear of the church and the East Second Street parking lot.

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ to host prom for people with special needs Bachelor Creek Church of Christ will host Night to Shine 2020 from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7 at Northfield High School, 154 W. 200 North. For additional information, visit www.bachelorcreek.com.

LaFontaine Lions to host breakfast The LaFontaine Lions Club is set to host a breakfast from 7:30 to 10 a.m., or until it’s gone, Saturday, Feb. 8 at the LaFontaine Community Building. The menu includes scrambled eggs, sausage, sausage gravy and biscuits, pancakes (on request), juice, milk and coffee. There will be a free-will donation. Proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the LaFontaine Community Building. Lions also collect old glasses, hearing aids and keys.

Experience 120 years of local agricultural history The North Manchester Historical Society (NMHS) will be hosting John Hartsough at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 in the Assembly Room of Timbercrest Senior Living, 2201 East St., North Manchester. There is no charge for attendance.

Wabash River water quality meeting planned The project focused on assessing, protecting and improving water quality; engaging individuals interested in the Wabash River drainage; and developing a step-wise plan for the Wabash River drainage will host its final public meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10 at the Honeywell Room at the Honeywell Center. For more information, email Sara Peel at wabashriverdefenders@gmail.

com or Jen Rankin at jrankin@slashthetrash.com.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to meet The Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (INDAR) will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may visit www.dar.org or call Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Woman’s Clubhouse to host monthly luncheon The Woman’s Clubhouse along with the Sew Peaceful Quilt Club will host its monthly luncheon at noon Feb. 11. The program will be a prize and gift day with games and surprises. The Bash Boutique is our sponsor and will provide one of our gifts. Please make your reservations by phone with Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613.

Blanket Binders event scheduled From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Use your love of quilting to help others and enjoy the fellowship of other sewers. The quilts are given to local people in need. Bring your sewing machine and a dish to share for the potluck lunch.

Experience ‘President Lincoln’ on his birthday Celebrate President Lincoln’s birthday from 10:15 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Murray Cox as President Abraham Lincoln. Pre-registration is required if staying for lunch with President Lincoln. Lunch reservation deadline is at noon Monday, Feb. 10. The cost for lunch is \$4.50 for those 60 years of age and under; over 60 by donation.

State of Our Communities to celebrate 2019, share plans for 2020 Grow Wabash County will be hosting the third annual State of Our Communities event on Wednesday, Feb. 12 in Legacy Hall at the Honeywell Center. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and presentations will begin at 8 a.m. The event should conclude around 10 a.m. Sponsorships and tickets are available by registering here: https://tinyurl.com/wjs6rbj.

Celebrate February birthdays February’s Birthday Party will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Ellen Mock, vocalist, and Peggy Coppler, pianist. Ice cream and homemade cake will be served. Sign up today for a fun-filled celebration.

Skywarn weather spotter training set A Skywarn weather spotter training session has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 at the skating rink at the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. Check-in begins at 6:30 p.m. Online registration is available at https://wabashin-spotter.eventzilla.net. Registration may also be completed by calling 260-563-3181 or 574-834-1104.

Valentine potluck lunch scheduled Join the Annual Valentine Exchange and Luncheon at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Pre-registration is required. The lunch reservation deadline is at noon Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Laketon American Legion Auxiliary plans Valentine’s Day dinner The Laketon American Legion Auxiliary has planned a special Valentine’s Day dinner for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14 at 15 N. Main St., Laketon. There will be a choice of prime rib or shrimp, potato, salad, dessert, drink and flower for the ladies for \$12.50. Advance tickets and carry-outs are available. For more information, call 260-306-0162.

Wabash Kiwanis Club’s 100th Anniversary Gala planned The gala will begin with a social hour from 6 to 7 p.m., with the dinner and programs starting at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the Honeywell Center’s Legacy Hall. For those who can’t attend the gala, financial donations of any size for Riley Hospital by individuals, businesses and organizations are also welcomed and appreciated. Checks can be mailed to the Wabash Kiwanis Club at P.O. Box 699, Wabash, IN 46992 with “Riley” in the memo line.

MSD to host community presentation Feb. 17 MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17 at Northfield

Jr./Sr. High School, 154 W. 200 North.

‘Ask a Teenager Tech Basics class scheduled “Ask a Teenager” Tech Basics: 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond Str. Sign up requested by calling 260-563-4475. Bring your electronic devices and your questions, assistance provided by Heartland Career Center Tech students.

Honeywell Foundation’s annual art competition open The Honeywell Foundation’s Clark Gallery will be hosting its annual 92 County Art Show through Wednesday, Feb. 19. A public reception for this event will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19. For more information, contact Michele Hughes at mhughes@HoneywellFoundation.org or call the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Experience Mardi Gras, Wabash-style From 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Living Well Winchester Center, 239 Bond St. Featuring Mentalist Chad Collyer, king cake, masks, beads, games and prizes. The 2020 Mardi Gras King and Queen will be announced.

Career Closet donations sought Donations for the Career Closet will be collected through Friday, Feb. 21. Manchester University will accept gently used professional or business casual clothing and accessories. This event helps students who are not financially able to purchase professional clothing be able to dress appropriately when talking with employers and programs. Donations may be brought to Room 103 of the Chinworth Center on the North Manchester campus or Sarah Lauck at the Fort Wayne campus.

MSD to host community presentation Feb. 27 MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124.

Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school

fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs. The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150. For more information and to register, visit http://bit.ly/MUCareerFair2020. Employers with questions may email CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu.

‘Death by Chocolate’ tickets on sale The Wabash Area Community Theater’s winter comedy “Death by Chocolate” will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovelstad at 260-330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

Salute to Ag Dinner to honor 2019 Farm Family of the Year Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee have announced that Steve Flack and his family have been selected as the 2019 Farm Family of the Year. They will be recognized for their contributions to the Wabash County agriculture industry during Grow Wabash County’s annual Salute to Ag Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 up to \$2,500. Registration may be completed by visitinggrowwabashcounty.com/events, by emailing info@growwabashcounty.com or calling 260-563-5258.

Wabash Kiwanis Club’s Pancake Day returns in March The Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day, which is the local service organization’s largest annual fundraiser. The event will take place from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gil-len Avenue. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for those ages 13 years and older, and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12 years. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 years and younger.

NMCH to host Smithsonian traveling exhibit The North Manchester Center for History will be hosting the Smithsonian’s traveling exhibit, “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” from March 21 to May 3.

Manchester invites high school students to submit compositions The Manchester University Department of Music seeks high school composers for its first Composition Workshop and Reading Session on Wednesday, April 8. They are invited to submit original compositions to be performed and recorded by Manchester University faculty musicians. The deadline is March 23. Send submissions to Reed at tmreed@manchester.edu. Submissions should include a score (PDF or Finale file); contact information with name, phone number and mailing address; and name of high school currently attending. Selected composers will be contacted with details about the evening event via email.

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Apaches rally for big win on road

After falling behind by double digits early, the Wabash boys' basketball team, playing without Trenton Daughtry due to illness, knocked off Southern Wells on the road on Saturday, 76-51. Elijah Vander Velden had 21 points and 12 rebounds and Jasper Walter tallied 20 points.

Squires split weekend doubleheader

Manchester picked up a conference win in double overtime at Tippecanoe Valley on Friday, 71-66, before falling to Fort Wayne Concordia, 52-35, on Saturday. Weston Hamby had 22 points in Friday's win to lead the way while Kreedeen Krull scored 12 in Saturday's loss.

Stone secures 200th win in rout

The Wabash girls' basketball team closed the regular season with a 59-21 win over Whitko at home for head coach Matt Stone's 200th career win. Alivia Short finished with 24 points and 10 rebounds while Mariah Wyatt had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Wesson scores 15 to power Buckeyes over Indiana 68-59

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—With a key player missing from the Ohio State lineup, Kaleb Wesson put the Buckeyes on his back again.

The junior big man scored 15 points and pulled down 11 rebounds, dominating Indiana in the paint in a 68-59 Ohio State win on Saturday.

The Buckeyes (14-7, 4-6 Big Ten), who struggled mightily in January, went on a 3-point tear in the second half in winning their second game in a row and avenged a 66-54 loss to Indiana in Bloomington three weeks ago. Ohio State was missing freshman guard and third-leading scorer D.J. Carton, who said this week he was stepping away from the team for mental health reasons. Guard CJ Walker stepped up in Carton's absence, scoring 14 and dishing four assists, and Justin Ahrens added 11 on 3-for-5 3-point shooting in the second half.

Indiana is starting to run into the same kind of struggles Ohio State did when the Big Ten run soured for the Buckeyes last month.

Submit your news

The *Plain Dealer* is accepting all news, varsity, junior varsity, middle school, elementary school and non-school affiliated recreational sports. To get a brief in the newspaper, please provide final score and any highlights pertaining to the event, including first and last names of participants. Reports must be received by 3 p.m. to make it in the following day's edition. Items may be:

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Wabash's Robert Barnett (top) and Manchester's Dominic Lincoln (bottom) collapse to the mat after Barnett's third-period pin in the championship match of 132 pounds.

Apaches edge out Squires for sectional repeat

By JACOB RUDE
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PERU – While the Wabash wrestling team repeated as sectional champions at Peru on Saturday, it was a far less convincing and far more exciting race than the previous week's Three Rivers Conference meet.

The Apaches entered the finals leading by just one point over Manchester with both sides having eight wrestlers vying for sectional titles including five matchups against one another. But Wabash won three of those five meetings, powering the way to a nine-point win over the Squires to secure consecutive sectional titles.

The highlight of not only the duels between

the Squires and Apaches in the finals but also the day as a whole came in the 138-pound championship match between Wabash's Robert Barnett and Manchester's Dominic Lincoln.

The match started with a host of first-period reversals that eventually saw Lincoln hold a 9-5 edge. Barnett looked to be in control in the second period with a pair of nearfalls. But the reversals continued coming and Lincoln maintained his advantage to head into the final period up 15-12.

Barnett would seize control of the match in the third period with a reversal and a pair of nearfalls again. Lincoln would have his own reversal, but Barnett matched him again to go up 21-17

before capping off the wild, wild match with a pinfall in the final minute of the match.

That match gave the Apaches cushion and Grant Carandante's pinfall win at 160 pounds over Manchester's Trescott Duffy served as the proverbial nail in the coffin for the Squires' title bid.

In total on the day, Wabash crowned five champions in Ethan Higgins at 120 pounds, Braden Brooks at 132 pounds, Barnett, Carandante and Grant War-muth at 220 pounds. Chad Wyatt Jr. finished second at 195 pounds as did Traydon Goodwin at 152 pounds and Anthony Long at 126 pounds.

Also earning spots at next

week's regional were Jared Brooks at 113 pounds, Brayden Sickafus at 145 pounds and Bryson Zapata at 170 pounds.

For Manchester, Dylan Stroud remained unbeaten on the year by taking first at 126 pounds. Ashton Moore took the sectional title at 195 pounds and Bryce Kamphues placed first at 285 pounds. Elijah Burlingame (132 lbs.), Lincoln, Zach France (145 lbs.), Duffy and Jacob Caudill (170 lbs.) all were runner-ups on the day. Trevor Dill (220 lbs.) and Albin Lederhilger (182 lbs.) both will also advance to the regional.

Northfield, who placed sixth as a team on the day

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Tomlinson's game-winner caps off Norse comeback

By JACOB RUDE
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Northfield's boys' basketball team led just once on Saturday against Caston. But they led last and did so in dramatic fashion.

Trailing by 15 points mid-way through the third quarter, the Norse mounted a comeback that spanned the final two quarters and was capped off by a step-back three-pointer from Clayton Tomlinson with seven seconds left to give the hosts a 59-58 lead.

The Comets would turn the ball over on their last gasp and Northfield escaped with a memorable win.

"I'll be honest," Northfield head coach Rick Brewer said, "I just told them 'You know how we shoot. There's going to be a stretch where we hit five out of seven. It's just the way we are.' So I told them to keep it close, get stops, don't foul and we'll start scoring. Alex

(Hauptert) made a couple and Dillon (Tomlinson) made a couple and then, of course, Clayton, it's the only one he made, but it was a pretty darn big one."

Caston used its size and talented big man Hunter Schanlaub, who came into the night averaging 16.2 points and scored 21 in the loss, to build its big lead. But after baskets from Schanlaub and Mike Rans put the Comets up 41-26, Northfield worked it's way back into the game.

The first burst came in the form of a 10-0 run that featured three-pointers from Jayden Peas and Dillon Tomlinson as well as makes from Alex Hauptert and Clayton Tomlinson. The margin shrunk to 41-36 and the Norse trailed by just seven heading into the fourth.

Order looked to have been restored early in the final frame as a layup and a pair

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Northfield's Clayton Tomlinson celebrates after hitting the game-winning three-pointer in the final seconds against Caston on Saturday.

Fourth-quarter rally sends Knights to 62-58 win

By JACOB RUDE
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DENVER – For three quarters of the boys' basketball game at North Miami Friday night, Southwood was missing something.

One five minute spurt in the fourth quarter, along with a vital 26-point night from Connor Rich, turned the tide for the Knights, who rallied from a nine-point deficit with a 19-5 run in the final frame to escape with a 62-58 win.

Southwood head coach John Burrus said the players had to grind things out over

the course of the night but got the job done in the end.

"You have to give North Miami a lot of credit," Burrus said. "They made a lot of plays that were stretching our defense and they had a good gameplan but our kids stayed the course. We got a big three at the end of the third quarter and we kept chipping away in the fourth quarter. It was an exciting game; one of the more exciting games of the year."

Rich began his night with a trio of triples in the opening frame that kept the visitors on pace with North Miami.

On the other end, howev-

er, the Knights' three-quarter court press was lacking its usual bite, thanks in no small part to the passing arm of Nate Musselman, who frequently pinged cross court strikes to Darien Hanley on the other end.

Hanley responded with eight points in the period, six of which came at the rim, while Braxton Beall added a pair of baskets, the latter of which gave the Warriors a 12-11 lead headed into the second quarter. Tristan Working opened the period with a layup thanks to a Greg Sonafrank steal while Musselman and Gabe

Lloyd traded off threes.

Southwood briefly took a 20-19 lead off a Jackson Simmons putback and Carson Rich steal-and-score but North Miami would score nine of the next 10 points. Musselman hit a difficult banked three from the corner while Working scored on a drive and Hanley scored at the rim, followed by two Beall free throws for a 28-21 advantage. Free throws from Simons and a late Connor Rich basket kept things close at halftime with the hosts leading 30-25.

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Keim scores career-high in Warriors win

By JACOB RUDE
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DENVER – The close of the girls' basketball regular season for Southwood at North Miami gave the team a chance to face a potential sectional opponent on the sectional court Friday night.

A good first half for the Knights was undone by a lopsided third quarter as Warrior Bailey Keim erupted for a career-high 34 points to help the hosts see off the visitors 59-30.

Southwood head coach Chad West said the girls were okay for a half but were blown away in the last 16 minutes.

"We competed for a half," West said. "Our leading scorers didn't produce to-night and when they aren't going, it's hard for us.

"We got down a little bit too much and once we stopped competing (North Miami) ran away from us."

A slow opening saw North Miami score the first three points though a Maryann Freeman free throw and Taylor Tinney basket before Sierra Stout got Southwood on the board from close range.

Freeman scored and Keim added a basket and three to make it 10-2 while Makena Pace hit two free throws before the quarter ended as the hosts led 10-4 after eight minutes.

The Warriors pushed the lead out to nine early in the second quarter but never reached double-digits as baskets from Rylee Barney and Ella Hauptert on the break reduced the gap to 15-10.

From there, the teams traded off baskets in equal measure with Keim adding five more points on a layup and three while Shylae Hunt scored the last basket of the period to give the home team a 23-16 lead at halftime.

The lead doubled within the first two minutes of the second half as Keim and Tinney both scored from in close while the former notched a free throw and three to shoot the lead out to 31-16.

A pair of threes from Pace and Hauptert briefly brought the lead back down to 10 at 32-22 but the Warriors would close the quarter with a 13-0 run with Keim scoring nine points alongside baskets from Hall and Freeman to explode the lead out to 45-22.

Keim wasn't finished, however, adding eight more points in the quarter to reach her career-high mark of 34 points as the hosts finished off the regular season in style against a team they could meet again by the end of this week.

Keim was backed by nine points and 12 rebounds from Freeman while Tinney added six points and Hall scored six points with 10 rebounds.

Hauptert scored four points in the final period to reach a total of 11 points for the game. Pace had seven points while Aleia Sweet and Alaina Winer chipped in four points each.

Southwood finishes the regular season 6-16, 3-6 in TRC play, and will open IH-SAA Class A Sectional No. 53 play Friday night against Lakeland Christian Academy with tipoff slated for 6 p.m. "We've got a week to prepare for Lakeland Christian and hopefully we can get by them," West said about the sectional opener. "If we do, we're likely to play Northfield or North Miami in the championship.

"We're going to have to play better than we did to-night if we do make it to the championship game. We can't overlook Lakeland Christian, though, and we have to be able to compete for 32 minutes."

ON THE AIR	
<div>CHL HOCKEY 12:30 p.m.</div> <div>NHLN — Mountfield HK vs. Frölunda Goteborg, Final, Hradec Králové, Czechia</div>	<div>10 p.m.</div> <div>TNT — San Antonio at LA Lakers</div>
<div>COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S) 7 p.m.</div> <div>ACCN — Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech CBSSN — Massachusetts at Rhode Island ESPN — Duke at Boston College ESPN2 — Ohio State at Michigan ESPNU — Tennessee at Alabama FS1 — Rutgers at Maryland SECN — Auburn at Arkansas</div>	<div>8 p.m.</div> <div>BTN — Penn State at Michigan State</div>
<div>8 p.m.</div> <div>CBSSN — Colorado State at Fresno State ESPN — Mississippi State at Kentucky ESPN2 — Oklahoma at Texas Tech FS1 — Xavier at DePaul SECN — Missouri at Texas A&M</div>	<div>9 p.m.</div> <div>BTN — Penn State at Michigan State</div>
<div>11 p.m.</div> <div>ESPN2 — Air Force at Nevada</div>	<div>6 a.m. (Wednesday)</div> <div>TENNIS — ATP/USTA: Córdoba-ATP, Fed Cup, USTA Pro Circuit Early Rounds</div>
<div>NBA BASKETBALL 7:30 p.m.</div> <div>TNT — Milwaukee at New Orleans</div>	<div>6 a.m. (Wednesday)</div> <div>TENNIS — ATP/USTA: Córdoba-ATP, Fed Cup, USTA Pro Circuit Early Rounds</div>

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AP Men's Top 25 The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 2, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking.	
1. Baylor (49)	1
2. Gonzaga (15)	1
3. Kansas (1)	1
4. San Diego St.	1
5. Louisville	1
6. Dayton	1
7. Duke	1
8. Florida St.	1
9. Maryland	1
10. Villanova	1
11. Auburn	1
12. Seton Hall	1
13. West Virginia	1
14. Oregon	1
15. Kentucky	1
16. Michigan St.	1
17. Iowa	1
18. LSU	1
19. Butler	1
20. Illinois	1
21. Creighton	1
22. Penn St.	1
23. Arizona	1
24. Colorado	1
25. Houston	1
Others receiving votes: Texas Tech 66, Marquette 31, Ohio St. 19, Tulsa 19, Rhode Island 18, N. Iowa 17, Wichita St. 17, BYU 14, Rutgers 12, Stanford 7, Stephen F. Austin 3, Bowling Green 1, Michigan 1, Virginia 1, Winthrop 1, Yale 1.	
AP Women's Top 25 The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 2, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking.	
1. South Carolina (26)	1
2. Baylor (3)	1
3. Oregon	1
4. UConn	1
5. Louisville (1)	1
6. Stanford	1
7. NC State	1
8. Mississippi St.	1
9. Oregon St.	1
10. UCLA	1
11. Gonzaga	1
12. Arizona	1
13. Maryland	1
14. DePaul	1
15. Kentucky	1
16. Texas A&M	1
17. Florida	1
18. Indiana	1
19. Arizona St.	1
20. Iowa	1
21. Northwestern	1
22. South Dakota	1
23. Tennessee	1
24. Missouri St.	1
25. Arkansas	1
Others receiving votes: Princeton 48, TCU 25, LSU 13, Florida Gulf Coast 11, Stony Brook 2.	
Saturday's Results	
PURDUE 61, NORTHWESTERN 58	
PURDUE (12-10) Hunter 5-10 1-2 13, Proctor 2-7 4-5 9, Williams 6-9 1-2 13, Eastern 0-3 0-0 0, Boudreaux 1-4 2-2 5, Thompson 4-9 0-0 11, Haarms 2-2 0-1 4, Stefanovic 2-7 0-0 6, Wheeler 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 22-52 8-12 61.	
NORTHWESTERN (6-15) Kopp 5-8 2-2 15, Spencer 4-5 2-2 10, Buie 4-8 1-2 12, Young 1-5 3-3 5, Nance 1-8 0-0 3, Turner 0-4 0-0 0, Beran 2-6 0-0 6, Jones 3-4 1-2 7, Greer 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-48 9-11 58.	
Halftime—Northwestern 29-25. 3-Point Goals—Purdue 9-24 (Thompson 3-6, Hunter 2-5, Stefanovic 2-6, Boudreaux 1-3, Proctor 1-3, Wheeler 0-1), Northwestern 9-25 (Kopp 3-5, Buie 3-6, Beran 2-4, Nance 1-3, Spencer 0-1, Turner 0-3, Young 0-3). Rebounds—Purdue 27 (Williams 7), Northwestern 29 (Spencer 7). Assists—Purdue 11 (Eastern 4), Northwestern 12 (Buie 4). Total Fouls—Purdue 11, Northwestern 17. A.—5,874 (8,117).	
OHIO ST. 68, INDIANA 59	
INDIANA (15-7) Jackson-Davis 2-6 3-4 7, Hunter 3-8 1-1 9, Smith 1-4 3-3 5, Dunk 3-4 2-2 8, Phinisee 4-7 1-2 11, Brunk 1-3 2-4 4, Green 4-8 2-2 13, Davis 1-1 0-0 2, Franklin 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 19-42 14-18 59.	
OHIO ST. (14-7) Walker 5-9 2-2 10, A.Wesson 3-6 1-2 10, K.Wesson 7-12 0-0 15, Muhammad 2-8 0-0 5, Washington 1-9 2-2 4, Liddell 1-3 1-2 3, Young 3-3 0-6, Ahrens 4-6 0-0 11, Gaffney 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-56 6-8 68.	
Halftime—Ohio St. 31-22. 3-Point Goals—Indiana 7-12 (Green 3-4, Phinisee 2-3, Hunter 2-4, Durham 0-1), Ohio St. 10-27 (Ahrens 3-5, A.Wesson 3-5, Walker 2-5, K.Wesson 1-2, Muhammad 1-5, Washington 0-5). Rebounds—Indiana 22 (Jackson-Davis 7), Ohio St. 26 (K.Wesson 11). Assists—Indiana 10 (Durham, Phinisee 3), Ohio St. 19 (Walker, A.Wesson 4). Total Fouls—Indiana 12, Ohio St. 16. A.—18,809 (18,809).	
NOTRE DAME 80, GEORGIA TECH 72	
GEORGIA TECH (10-12) Alvarado 10-19 2-4 25, Parham 1-4 0-0 3, Banks 5-8 3-4 13, Wright 8-17 1-2 17, Usher 3-13 2-2 8, Cole 3-7 0-0 6, Moore 0-6 0-0 0. Totals 30-74 8-12 72.	
NOTRE DAME (13-8) Gibbs 5-9 7-8 19, Hubb 1-6 1-2 3, Moody 9-18 8-9 28, Pflueger 3-3 5-6 13, Goodwin 5-8 2-3 14, Laszewski 1-3 0-0 3, Durham 0-3 0-0 0, Djogo 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-51 23-28 80.	
Halftime—Notre Dame 36-33. 3-Point Goals—Georgia Tech 4-18 (Alvarado 3-7, Parham 1-3, Cole 0-1, Moore 0-1, Wright 0-2, Usher 0-4), Notre Dame 9-24 (Pflueger 2-2, Gibbs 2-4, Goodwin 2-4, Mooney 2-5, Laszewski 1-3, Djogo 0-1, Hubb 0-5). Fouled Out—Wright. Rebounds—Georgia Tech 39 (Banks 10), Notre Dame 28 (Mooney 10). Assists—Georgia Tech 9 (Wright 4), Notre Dame 13 (Hubb 5). Total Fouls—Georgia Tech 22, Notre Dame 9. A.—8,240 (9,149).	
PROVIDENCE 65, NO. 16 BUTLER 61	
PROVIDENCE (12-10) Duke 4-7 2-2 10, White 4-10 0-0 9, Young 1-4 0-0 2, Pipkins 4-10 10-10 22, Diallo 1-5 1-4 3, Reeves 3-7 1-1 8, Watson 4-7 1-2 9, Gantt 0-1 2-2 2, Holt 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-52 17-21 65.	
BUTLER (17-5) Baldwin 4-15 6-7 14, McDermott 2-5 6-6 10, Nze 5-6 2-4 12, Tucker 3-8 5-7 12, Baddeley 0-2 0-0 0, Golden 4-7 4-5 12, Smits 0-1 1-2 1, Battle 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 18-45 24-31 61.	
Halftime—Providence 31-25. 3-Point Goals—Providence 6-20 (Pipkins 4-9, Reeves 1-3, White 1-4, Duke 0-1, Gantt 0-1, Diallo 0-2), Butler 1-14 (Tucker 1-4, Baddeley 0-1, Golden 0-2, McDermott 0-2, Baldwin 0-5). Rebounds—Providence 29 (Young 9), Butler 31 (Tucker 8). Assists—Providence 10 (White, Young, Pipkins, Reeves 2), Butler 8 (Baldwin 5). Total Fouls—Providence 21, Butler 18. A.—9,132 (9,100).	

After Super Bowl win, Chiefs already eyeing repeat next year

By DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

MIAMI — It took the Chiefs five full decades to bring the Lombardi Trophy back to Kansas City. They don't intend to wait that long again. With confetti still swirling and their thrilling Super Bowl triumph over the San Francisco 49ers mere minutes old, most of the Chiefs were already talking about next season. They got a taste of reaching the AFC title game last season and it drove them to make it back this season, and now that they've had a taste of winning the championship, the organization's mindset is quite simple: Why stop at just one? "Next year we're coming back," Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones said. "We're coming back for a repeat." There's plenty of reasons to believe they can do it. The Chiefs will return just about every key piece that delivered the city its first championship in 50 years, including Super Bowl MVP Patrick Mahomes, breakout star Damien Williams and the core of their rebuilt defense, along with a coaching staff that's gotten plenty of interest for head coaching jobs elsewhere. So perhaps it was no surprise that most Las Vegas sports books already have installed the Chiefs as 6-to-1 favorites to win the Super Bowl next season. The Baltimore Ravens and NFC champion Niners were close behind. "I'm really excited about it. You get one, you want to get another," said Andy Reid, who finally got to bask in his first Super Bowl championship after 21 years of coaching. "But we've got to backpedal a minute and enjoy this one, and then we'll get busy on the next one." There certainly will be plenty of time to celebrate.

The Chiefs wrapped up some media obligations in Miami on Monday, then were to head back to Kansas City, where an entire city was prepping for a victory parade Wednesday. Not long after that, though, expect Reid and general manager Brett Veach to get down to business. The Chiefs are likely to make Mahomes the NFL's highest-paid player this offseason, the first opportunity he will have to sign a contract extension. The Chiefs also must decide what to do with Jones, one of the league's premier defensive linemen, who is eligible for free agency but has expressed his desire to remain with the team on a long-term deal. "Why wouldn't I want to be here?" he asked. "We have a chance to be a dynasty." The Chiefs also had a number of role players whose deals are expiring, and bringing them back or unearthing replacements will be crucial during free agency. Among them are defensive linemen Terrell Suggs, Emmanuel Ogbah and Xavier Williams, wide receiver Demarcus Roberson, and cornerback Bashaud Breeland and Kendall Fuller. Another question facing the Chiefs: What will they do with Sammy Watkins, who proved his worth with a massive playoff run capped by five catches for 98 yards in the Super Bowl. He is due to count \$21 million against the salary cap next year, so the Chiefs are likely to ask him to take a pay cut or restructure his contract or be forced to release him. "If we keep going the way we're going, the sky is the limit for this team," said Watkins, who contradicted reports he might even sit out next season by insisting he'd return. "Why not? We'll come back and win next year." But even with all those

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — They were celebrating the passage of time as much as football at this Super Bowl: 100-year-old war veterans at midfield for the pregame coin flip, a 50-years-young pop diva handling halftime, and, of course, a quarterback who turns 25 this year saving the best part of the show for last. That quarterback is Patrick Mahomes of the Kansas City Chiefs. It is easy, especially after the improbable, blink-and-you-miss-it escape act he engineered to win the title Sunday, to say Mahomes — a mobile, dual threat with a rocket arm — is what the perfect quarterback will look like as the NFL gets ready to embark on its second century of football next season. But what Mahomes did on a cool, crisp evening in South Florida was grounded in the most basic of sports concepts, one that harkens to the days of leather helmets and long bus rides to the games. "My mindset," Mahomes said, "is always to play and compete to the very end." And so he did. He injected life into a stymied offense that looked all but done-for, coaxed three touchdowns out of that offense over the short span of 5 minutes, 1 second late in the fourth quarter and pulled out a 31-20 victory over San Francisco in a game that seemed all but lost. Three times during this postseason, Mahomes and the Chiefs have trailed by

holes to fill, the Chiefs are still in enviable shape. They have arguably the league's best quarterback and one of its most electrifying pass-catchers in Tyreek Hill. They have one of its premier tight ends in Travis Kelce and a running back in Damien Williams, who gashed the 49ers for 104 yards rushing with TDs on the ground and through the air. On defense, they have elite pass rusher Frank Clark and safety Tyrann Mathieu — the prize acquisitions last offseason who came up big in the Super Bowl — signed to contracts that will keep them in Kansas City at least two more years. "It will be important to keep a couple of those other guys and obviously continue to get better, whether that's through the draft or free agency," Mathieu said. "The most important thing is our core is intact. We've got a hell of a football team, so we are looking forward to next season already." There have been seven franchises that have won back-to-back Super Bowls, including the Pittsburgh Steelers, who did the trick twice in the 1970s. That now becomes the goal for a team that sees a window of dominance opening in the AFC, where the Chiefs and Ravens already have begun to replace the New England Patriots as the gold standard. "I think as long as we keep the people that we have in this organization on this team, with the coach that we have, I think we have a chance to be good year-in and year-out," Mahomes said. "It's not going to be easy. We're sitting here right now, and I know that going back, we're going to have next year to play a lot of great football teams. There's a lot of great teams in this league, so you understand that. But at the same time, just try to get better every year."

Time passages: Mahomes leads comeback for the ages for KC

10 points or more, and all three times they've come back to win by double-digits themselves. That's a first. But even that history-making feat doesn't do justice to what Mahomes pulled off in the final game of the NFL's much-celebrated centennial. After Mahomes threw the first postseason interception of his three-year-old career — "I hit him right between the '5' and the '4,'" he said of the pick to linebacker Fred Warner — the 49ers drove 55 methodical yards to take a 20-10 lead. There was 2:35 left on in the third quarter and the Chiefs, used to buzzing up and down the field to the tune of 51 and 35 points in the two earlier games this postseason, had gained 187 yards and amassed only 136 passing. They had scored a measly touchdown and a field goal and hadn't cracked a single play longer than 19 yards. "I wasn't feeling good about it at all," said receiver Tyreek Hill, who would soon prove critical in turning around the game. "I told Pat, 'It's 20-10 with seven minutes left — c'mon bro,' And all Pat did, he just told me to believe." Hill believed. And he started running. Up against a defense that had allowed a total of eight completions on downfield throws all season, the receiver with track-star speed somehow found a soft spot deep in the 49ers secondary. Mahomes, harassed all night into quick, off-target throws, dropped 13 yards behind the line of scrimmage, surveyed the field — then stepped

Djokovic comes back for 8th Australian Open title

By HOWARD FENDRICH
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MELBOURNE, Australia — Novak Djokovic was looking weary and worn down. He felt dizzy and trailed Dominic Thiem in the Australian Open final – miscues mounting, deficit growing.

Djokovic did what he does, though. He refused to lose, waited for a chance to pounce and found his best tennis when absolutely necessary. Even threw in a wrinkle, serve-and-volleying twice when facing break point.

Regaining his stamina and strokes, and showing some gutsy creativity, Djokovic came back to edge Thiem 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 Sunday night for an eighth Australian Open title, second in a row, and 17th Grand Slam trophy overall.

“I was on the brink of losing the match. Dominic ... disrupted my rhythm in my game at one point. He was a better player,” Djokovic said. “Probably one point – and one shot – separated us tonight.”

Nonetheless, Djokovic improved his record in semifinals and finals at Melbourne Park to 16-0 and assured himself of returning to No. 1 in the rankings, replacing Rafael Nadal.

No other man in the history of tennis has won this hard-court tournament more than six times. Only Roger Federer, with 20, and Nadal, with

19, have won more men’s Grand Slam singles trophies than Djokovic.

“Amazing achievement. Unreal what you’re doing throughout all these years,” said the fifth-seeded Thiem, who is 0-3 in major finals. “You and also two other guys, I think you brought men’s tennis to a complete new level.”

Both finalists spoke about the devastating wildfires that have killed dozens of people and millions of animals around Australia. Djokovic also mentioned the recent deaths of NBA star Kobe Bryant and one of his daughters in a helicopter crash.

Addressing Thiem, Djokovic said: “I am sure you will definitely get one of the Grand Slam trophies. More than one.”

A little more than six months after saving a pair of championship points against Federer en route to winning a five-set Wimbledon final, Djokovic again showed that he can’t ever be counted out, coming back from two-sets-to-one behind in a Grand Slam title match for the first time.

It didn’t come easily for the 32-year-old from Serbia. He lost six games in a row in one stretch to Thiem, who plays a similar baseline game and eliminated Nadal in the quarterfinals.

Djokovic visited by a doc- tor and trainer in the third set and, desperate to hydrate, guzzled bottles of water and energy drink. He lectured the

chair umpire about time violations.

“My energy dropped significantly,” Djokovic said at his news conference, sipping an anti-oxidant drink instead of the Champagne offered by tournament director Craig Tiley.

This was not the dominant Djokovic who made a hard-to-believe total of nine unforced errors during his straight-set triumph over Nadal in the final a year ago. Djokovic eclipsed that total in the first set alone Sunday, finishing with 57.

It was a physical test offering plenty of entertaining exchanges, with 61 points lasting at least nine shots apiece. “Very demanding,” Thiem said.

“Of course,” he said, “I just feel a lot of emptiness right now.”

At two key moments, Djokovic abandoned his usual grind-points-out script and went on the attack, rushing to the net after a serve when facing a break point – first, at 2-1 in the fourth set, then again at 2-1 in the fifth.

Paid off both times.

“Not characteristic of me,” Djokovic said. “Kind of all-or-nothing.”

Making a charge as his less-experienced foe faltered, Djokovic broke to lead 5-3 in the fourth set, helped by a sloppy volley into the net tape, a double-fault and a bad forehand by Thiem.

A break early in the fifth helped Djokovic clutch the silver Australian Open tro-

phy he also won in 2008, 2011-13, 2015-16 and 2019.

He adds that haul to his five titles from Wimbledon, three from the U.S. Open and one from the French Open.

Thiem, an Austrian who is 26, was the runner-up to Nadal at Roland Garros each of the past two years and was again trying to become the first man born in the 1990s to win a major singles title.

Instead, the Big Three have won 13 consecutive Slams and 56 of the last 67.

“It’s unique in sports history that the three best players – by far – are playing in the same era,” Thiem said. “That’s what makes it very, very difficult for other players to break through.”

The status quo appeared in peril in the third set, when Djokovic merely watched and shook his head as a lob by Thiem curled over him and in. Djokovic didn’t chase it. Wasn’t entirely clear right then what the problem was, but perhaps he knew he needed to save some strength.

Heat, so often a factor in Melbourne, was not an issue. The crisp, cool conditions were pretty much ideal at the start, with a light breeze and the temperature around 70 degrees (20 Celsius). That dropped as the natural light faded, first leaving a violet ceiling of sky before night-fall arrived, accompanied by alarmingly loud squawks from a flock of seagulls perched on steel railings atop the arena.

From ‘Andy Who?’ to Super Bowl champion Andy Reid

By ROB MAADDI
AP Pro Football Writer

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — When Andy Reid walked into an interview with the Philadelphia Eagles armed with a 6-inch binder containing notes on how to build a winning team, management was sold.

But it took him 21 years and two teams to win it all.

Big Red finally got his Super Bowl title thanks to Patrick Mahomes leading the resilient Kansas City Chiefs in another comeback in the playoffs, a 31-20 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday night.

For two weeks leading to the game, Mahomes and his teammates talked about how badly they wanted to win for Reid. They were elated after they did it.

“He’s one of the best coaches of all-time and he already was before we won this game but we wanted to get that trophy just because he deserved it,” Mahomes said. “The work he puts in day in and day out, he’s there at 3 in the morning and he leaves at 11. I don’t think he sleeps. I’ve tried to beat him and I never can. He’s someone that works harder than anyone I’ve ever known and he deserved it, so I’m glad we were able to go out there and get that trophy for him.”

Reid had more wins than any coach in NFL history without a championship. He’d lost his only other Super Bowl appearance with the Eagles 15 years ago. Winning his first championship as a head coach and Kansas City’s first in 50 years likely solidifies his Hall of Fame credentials.

But the 61-year-old Reid, known for wearing floral shirts and poking fun at his weight, didn’t want to talk about his coaching legacy.

“I don’t care about that. I really don’t,” Reid said. “This is a pure team sport. I love that part of it. That’s why I got in it. I didn’t get in it for any other reason other than to win games and win them with great people. We bust our tails to do that as coaches and players. That’s the part that I think needs the respect. You take care of that, everything else happens. That’s not really where my mind goes. It’s probably the last thing on my mind.”

Reid was more than willing to discuss how he planned to celebrate.

“I’m getting a double cheeseburger with extra cheese,” he joked.

Reid was an unknown as-

sistant coach in Green Bay when Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie plucked him from the Packers, convinced he was the right man to turn around a losing franchise. Reid had worked under Mike Holmgren and meticulously prepared for the moment to become a head coach. He put together that infamous binder filled with everything from practice schedules to an explanation on why a long snapper is such an important position.

He studied Holmgren, groomed Brett Favre and was ready to call the shots, even though he had no experience as a head coach at any level and was never a coordinator.

A Philadelphia newspaper greeted Reid with a headline that said: “Andy Who?”

His name is etched in NFL history now.

Reid turned the Eagles into a winner in his second season and won more games than any coach in franchise history, but was 1-4 in NFC championship games. He was fired after 14 seasons and immediately landed in Kansas City and turned the Chiefs into a playoff team right away.

After losing another conference championship game at home last year, the Chiefs overcame a 24-0 deficit in the divisional round, two 10-point deficits in the AFC title game and rallied after the 49ers took a 20-10 lead into the fourth quarter.

Plagued by clock management issues, conservative playcalling and other coaching blunders in the past, Reid made all the right calls this time and Mahomes did his thing.

While the Chiefs and their fans celebrated on the field at Hard Rock Stadium, Reid’s former players in Philadelphia shared their happiness.

Hall of Fame safety Brian Dawkins posted a video on Twitter saying he shed “tears of joy” watching Reid win.

Donovan McNabb, who gave the Chiefs a pep talk Thursday, wrote on Twitter: “So happy for my guy. Well deserved for the @Chiefs. Now give him the credit he deserves. First Class coach, friend & dad.”

Reid said his “heart went out to those guys” because “we were so close so many times” but he was thrilled the Eagles got their Super Bowl title two years ago under his protege, Doug Pederson.

Now, Reid has his ring, too.

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“(Connor) was huge,” Burrus said about the junior. “He didn’t play last year and for him to come out this year and help has been big for us. I can’t imagine this season without him because he’s been such a big part of the things this year. We didn’t have him against Tippecanoe Valley and against Northwestern and that’s a lot of points right there; if we didn’t have him tonight, we probably don’t get it done tonight.”

Beall notched a pair of early baskets for the hosts as well as two free throws to help extend the lead to nine at 38-29 three minutes into the second half. The lead hit double-digits when Working knocked down a three at 41-31 and reached its largest after another Beall free throw at 42-31.

Confidence was brimming in the Warrior camp, shown on the court by a string of quick passes that led to a Beall layup with two minutes remaining in the half. A crucial error would give the Knights something to cling onto heading into the final eight minutes after North Miami wound down the clock looking for the last

shot of the third quarter. A deflection sent the ball out of bounds with 10 seconds remaining but the inbound pass ended up in the Warrior bench, giving Southwood a crack at the last shot. Dawson Filip would cash in with a three at the horn, trimming the gap to six at 44-38.

Beall would answer a minute into the fourth quarter with a three to extend the lead back out to nine and the Knight offense was still missing a sense of urgency after another minute elapsed with no points. A steal was fed up to Carson Rich for a layup and it was at this point the visitors pressed as high as possible against the hosts.

The change worked as North Miami lost the ball in the half court and Carson Rich again scored, followed by a five-second violation that gave the ball back to Southwood.

“We tried to tighten up and extend the zone further,” Burrus said about the defense in the fourth quarter. “We got them in the corners. You either go uptight in the full court or start to back off and when you back off, teams get to play more in the full court because they have more space. We went at them, made them earn the 10 seconds and when

they got to the other end, we had some chances for turnovers.”

Simons scored off the extra possession to trim the gap to three but Lloyd would pick up his fifth foul, giving the Warriors a chance to score at the line. Sonafrank missed the front end of the one-and-one and Alex Farr stepped up with a three that tied the game at 47-47. Working scored on the other end but Connor Rich nailed a three in reply while a steal led to a another basket before Rich buried yet another three to cap the 19-5 run and give the visitors a 55-49 lead.

A three-point play from Working halved the deficit but Carson Rich scored off an offensive rebound on the other end. Hanley missed out on a three-point play but in quick succession the Warriors had three chances to trim the gap further. Working first swiped a ball and went in for a layup that was negated by a Musselman offensive foul.

Working stole another ball but missed his layup attempt this time and while Southwood turned the ball over out of a timeout, Working could not get a three to fall. Hanley eventually got a free throw in to bring the gap down to two at 57-55 but Farr and Connor Rich hit two free

throws apiece to bring the lead back out to five at 61-55. Working gave the hosts hope with a three with 13 seconds remaining but Connor Rich hit the second of two free throws on the other end to cement the Knights’ win.

Rich scored a game-high 26 points while Lloyd, Simons and Carson rich all had eight points each; Filip added seven points while Farr had five big points in the fourth quarter. Beall finished with 21 points for North Miami while Hanley scored 15 points and Working added 14 points in the loss.

Southwood stays in conference play this week as the Knights host Rochester Thursday evening with Burrus noting the team had a chance to secure another winning TRC season with a victory over the Zebras.

“We’ve been tough at home, beating Whitko and Valley at home, so we feel like we have a good chance to get (Rochester),” Burrus said. “Rochester is a good team that’s going to come in ready to play. If we win that, we’ll guarantee another winning conference season as we’ll get to 5-2 and also get to .500 for the season, so we’ve got a lot at stake in that game.”

NORSE

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of free throws from Cameron Kline pushed the Comets back up 11 but again Northfield fought back. Again, a 10-0 run saw the Norse pull all the way within a point as Dillon Tomlinson capped off the spurt with a three.

Free throws from Joey Spin and Kline pushed the advantage to 56-52 but one of the biggest sequences of the night came on the Norse’s next possession. Dillon Tomlinson would draw a shooting foul and connect on the first. While the second attempt would miss, the Comets would travel on the rebound attempt to give Northfield possession with 56 seconds left trailing 56-53.

Hauptert would take advantage of the opportunity, burying a three-pointer from well beyond the arc with 47 seconds left to tie the game at 56-56, the first tie since early in the first quarter at 4-4.

After a timeout from the

Norse, Caston broke the Northfield full-court press and converted a runner from Spin to move ahead 58-56 with 32 seconds left. Clayton Tomlinson would bring the ball upcourt and watch the clock tick down from the right wing. The junior guard would drive to the middle before stepping back behind the three-point line for an open look that found the bottom of the net with seven seconds remaining.

“Typically we have a set play in that position,” Brewer said of the final shot. “I speak with (Clayton) a lot that ‘If the guard doesn’t come and get you, then you just pull up and hit the three and if the guard chases, you penetrate, try to draw the post and dump to our big.’ The guy dropped down below the three-point line and let him shoot it. So, Clayton knew and we talked about that in the timeout before. I said on the last possession we’re either going to lose or win and they executed it.”

The Comets would call a timeout with five seconds left

but would turn the ball over after an errant pass sailed out of bounds. The Norse would in-bound with three-tenths of a second left and would run out the clock to secure the victory.

“We felt like that we could turn them over,” Brewer said. “We also felt like we could wear the big boys down. Both of them kind of got big legs so we were really stressing to (our bigs) that ‘Look, just run the court every time. Whether it’s on offense or defense, run the court so they have to run the court.’ I thought that was a key late because I thought that they just got really tired.”

The Norse battled tightly with Caston for much of the first half before the Comets closed the second period on a 12-3 run to turn a 21-18 lead into a 33-21 advantage heading into the locker room. The visitors then opened the second half scoring eight of the first 13 points to push the lead to its largest of the night at 15.

Hauptert finished with 18 points to lead Northfield while Clayton Tomlinson

had 15 and Dillon Tomlinson 10. Both Hauptert and Dillon Tomlinson hit three three-pointers. Clayton Tomlinson, meanwhile, grabbed seven boards and handed out seven assists.

The win stops a three-game skid for the Norse, a streak that included a 67-33 loss at Rochester on Friday. More importantly, the Norse gained a big mental boost with the comeback effort as well.

“It’s got to be huge,” Brewer said. “Tuesday night was rough. We had two or three guys sick and it looked like it. And then (Friday), it was 7-7 and Rochester goes on a 23-point run and at that point, I just kind of emptied the bench and said ‘We’re going to take this loss tonight because we have to be fresh enough to win tomorrow night.’ I’m proud of our guys. This is the weekend we turned it around last year and after that we played some pretty good basketball.”

The Norse host Manchester on Thursday. Tip-off for the game is set for 7:45 p.m.

Kobe tribute game 2nd most watched in ESPN NBA history

By JOE REEDY
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Lakers’ first game since Kobe Bryant’s death was the second-most watched regular-season NBA game on ESPN.

The game Friday against the Portland Trail Blazers averaged 4.41 million viewers. The only telecast to surpass that since ESPN resumed NBA coverage in 2002-03 was a January 2003 game between the Lakers and Houston Rockets that featured the first matchup between Shaquille O’Neal and Yao Ming (4.88 million).

According to Nielsen, the Bryant pregame cere-

mony averaged 5.23 million viewers. The audience peaked at 6.07 million between 10:45 p.m. and 11 p.m. Eastern, which was the conclusion of the ceremony and the start of the game.

By comparison, a game between Houston and the Denver Nuggets scheduled during a similar time slot last year averaged 1.6 million.

The “Hoop Streams” pregame – which was streamed between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Eastern – had a record 2.4 million views, according to the network. The show is streamed on ESPN.com and its app as well as Twitter and YouTube.

APACHES

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with 84 points, will send five of its six wrestlers to the regional, highlighted by Micah Higgins’ runner-up finish at 220 pounds. Logan Cox (195 lbs.), Jaydan Goshert (182 lbs.), Ethan Galbraith (152 lbs.) and

Seth Forsyth (145 lbs.) all placed third to earn spots at the regional.

Southwood finished ninth on the day with 46 points. Isaac Kings will be the lone Knight representative at the regional after he placed fourth at 152 pounds.

The regional will take place Saturday back at Peru.

Fear keeps jittery driver from getting a license

DEAR ABBY: I am trying hard to let go of my paralyzing fear of driving, which has prevented me from getting a license. I am not sure why I get so nervous and afraid when I get behind the wheel. I really need a car to get my family and myself around. I just wish I knew what was causing this. Could you please help me figure it out? – Fear Of Driving

Dear Abby



DEAR F.O.D.: Gladly. The quickest way to get to the bottom of what’s causing your fear of driving would be to discuss it with a licensed mental health professional – if possible, one who specializes in treating patients with phobias. Your physician or your health insurance company should be able to refer you to someone who is qualified.

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, my wife and I invited another couple over for dinner. The husband was on his phone the entire time, showing us YouTube videos he apparently thought were interesting. After dinner, he lamented that he had run out of data and wanted us to provide our Wi-Fi password so he could continue watching his videos. I begrudgingly gave him access, but was really irked by it. Isn’t it rude for a dinner guest to ask to use your Wi-Fi? – Not So Interested

DEAR NOT SO INTERESTED: It was not rude to ask for your Wi-Fi password. In some circles, it’s normal. What WAS rude was for one guest to monopolize the conversation the way that dinner guest did. I’ll bet it will be a long time before you invite that couple again.

DEAR ABBY: I need help dealing with a neighbor problem. “Diane” and I have been neighbors for five years. We both have daughters in elementary school who ride the bus. At the bus stop, Diane always manages to point out something about my daughter or me that makes me uncomfortable. She’ll ask things like, “Are those new shoes?” “I like that jacket. Was it expensive?” “You have a new hairdo; did it cost much?” Or “Wow, how can you afford such nice clothes for your daughter?” “Are those new jeans? How much were they?”

I find her prying annoying and quite rude. Most of the other parents avoid her, probably because of this behavior. I work to afford the things I have, and I don’t feel I need to discuss what I spend for my child or myself with anyone. Other than this, she’s a nice neighbor. What’s the best way to get her to stop asking these questions? I try to ignore them, but this has been going on for years, and I’m at a loss. – Annoyed In North Carolina

DEAR ANNOYED: The surest way to get your neighbor to stop asking these kinds of questions would be the direct approach. Tell her questions of that nature make you uncomfortable and to please stop asking. If she persists, repeat it until she finally gets the message.

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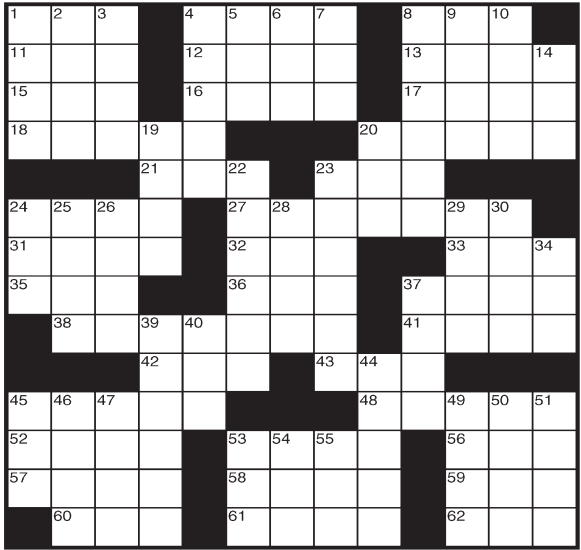
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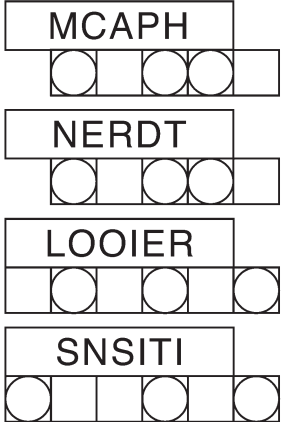
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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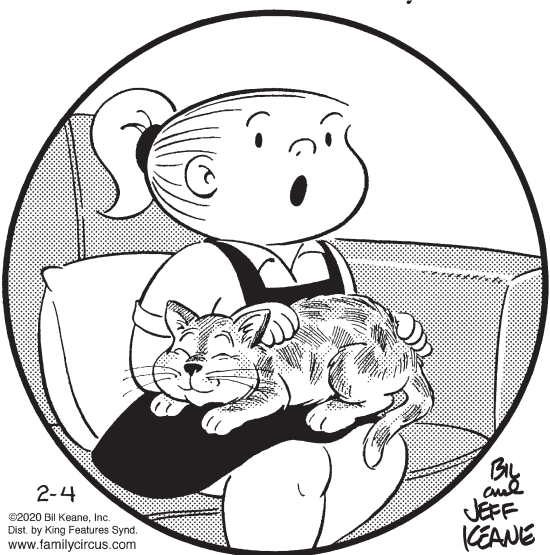
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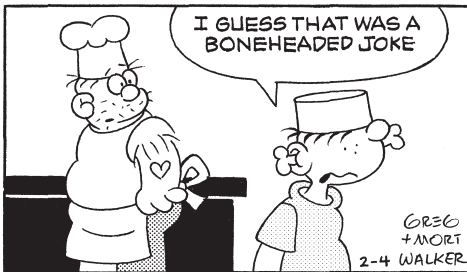
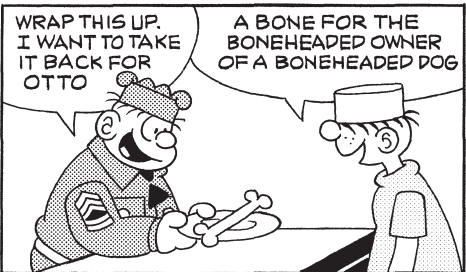
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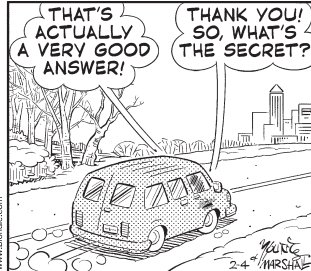
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“I’m sure glad Noah remembered to bring his kittycats on the ark.”

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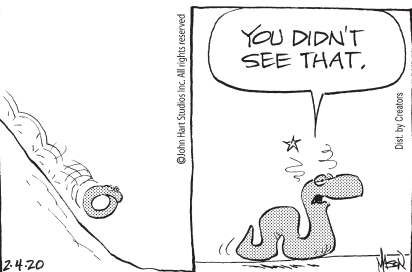
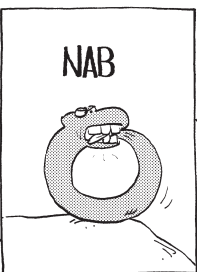
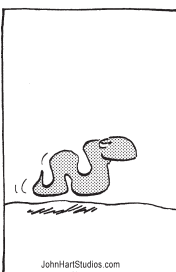
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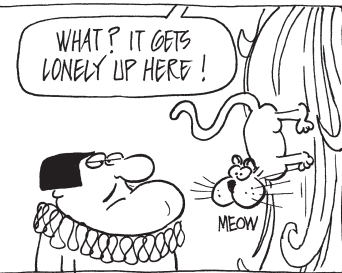
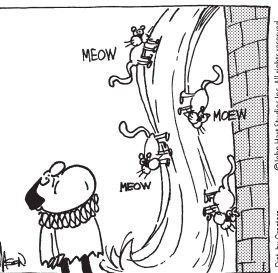
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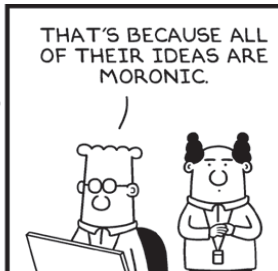
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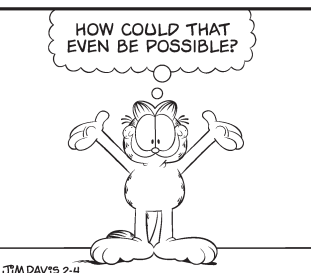
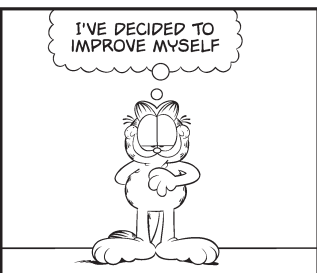
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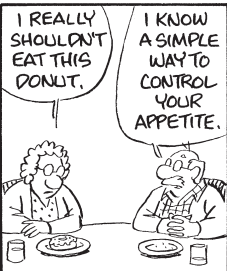
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The life of the human soul lives on for eternity

Q: My friends tell me not to worry about how I live, saying: “You only live once.” Isn’t this a rather secular view that points to idol worship of self-pleasure? – I.L.

A: A comedian has said, “Enjoy as much as you can. Even if you live to be 90 that’s not as long as you’re going to be dead!” We can laugh and throw it off, but there is a penalty to pay when God’s Word is disregarded. Death brings an end to physical life, but the life of the human soul lives on for eternity, either in Heaven or Hell. The time to make peace with God is now – today!

In our fallen world, godless influences are everywhere persuading us toward idolatry (worship of the values

of this age, the false gods among us) and sexual immorality. Right moral living (righteousness) is not easy. It demands difficult choices. We have at our fingertips every pleasure that mankind is capable of enjoying, and mankind has abused every gift God ever gave. Sinfulness and sensuality are inevitably destructive, dehumanizing and demeaning to God’s creation. At times it may create tension between what we want to be for God

and others, and what we crave for ourselves. In that awful struggle to overcome, turn to God for His help by first repenting of sin and receiving His forgiveness. He enables us to live victoriously over sin that dominates the human heart. To His followers He says, “For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s” (1 Corinthians 6:20).

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: “Saoirse (Ronan) is ... really the co-creator of this with me. There is no my ‘Little Women’ without Saoirse.” — Greta Gerwig

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